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Chapter 83: Former Hero – Punishment

I, wearing only a pair of trunks, was basking under the warm sunshine on Kurato's rooftop.

And, snuggling close next to me, was Laurier.

Laurier was also clad in nothing but her undergarments.

There was nothing to hustle about since no one could see us here.

And, we are merely basking in the sun, purely speaking.

If you wonder why the two of us are only in our undergarments, it's because that's the only clothes we have at the moment – the other sets are being washed.

We are already on our way, leaving the Border Town of Malt behind, with Aquapolis Anhel set as our next destination.

Aquapolis Anhel transcends national borders. I heard it's located in the southern part of the Elise Kingdom.

We were expected to arrive there in two weeks time.

On the way, passing by and stopping in some towns as we go, it was scheduled that we take the journey calmly.

And so, even though the situation doesn't really relate to that, since I rushed out of the town of Malt, all the preparations that were going to be done in the afternoon were suddenly pushed to the morning... and Mina wasn't able to do the laundry for us.

Though everyone else still has enough sets of clothes to wear, only Laurier and myself do not.

Well, there was actually the set of clothes that I bought together with Celes, but Mina won't allow me to wear them.

Apparently, the sun in this world also has a mass of magical power in it, so the

sunshine itself contains magic.

If you bought a new set of clothes, apparently, it is customary to let it set out in the sun, so that it absorbs some trace amounts of magic first.

Is this the general custom? Though I don't really know if it's something specific to the royal or aristocratic families, but since there's the saying, 'When in Rome, do as the Romans do', I had no reason to object.

On the other hand, who's the girl you borrowed the clothes from, Laurier? Actually, since no one said anything, and the sight of her wearing just undergarments is... you know what? I'm just going to let it be.

Thus, Laurier and myself, who don't have a change of clothes, decided to do some sunbathing.

When I raise my head, I can see everyone's undergarments from where I lay.

That white one, with the cute red ribbon in it, must be Sharon's.

That one with light blue stripes, I bought for Laurier.

That one with lovely lacy rims, was the one I bought for Mina.

That erotic, black colored one with extremely little cloth, is Rithina's.

Unsurprisingly, the pair of short pants must belong to Celes.

And the last one, the long cloth hanging was actually Tanya's fundoshi.

Colorful cloth, in various shapes, that block the hopes and dreams of many men, were swaying over my head.

A superb view.

Not far off on the side, Mina was busy washing clothes.

Our clothes, along with the new clothes I bought the other day, were now being dried in the sunshine.

Perhaps because we were heading south, the weather felt pleasant enough that I didn't feel too hot at all. Though, Mina herself was still wearing her full maid uniform.

When I saw Mina diligently washing the clothes, a little flowery feeling began

to bud.

Mina-chan. The wind outside is a little harsh, it can be dangerous, you know?
Only for you, I'll bring out the breezy wind as a present.

I began to imagine a magic.

Using the {Air Bullet} as a template, I shot out a very weak airflow.

I didn't complete the Aria, of course.

Suddenly, the wind began to blow from below.

[Niyaaa!?] (Mina)

The wind that I created, flipped and raised Mina's skirt.

Hoo.

It's black with lace.

Quite erotic.

The garter belt gave an additional synergizing effect.

Between the undergarment and knee-high socks, the exciting flesh colored part can be seen.

[... Suddenly, the wind... ?] (Mina)

Mina raised her suspicion, while trying to suppress her fluttering skirt.

And, gave a quick glance at me.

[It's the spring heralding wind, isn't it?] (Haruto) I quickly averted my head in innocence.

I don't know whether the spring heralding wind runs through this territory or not.

[... Right. I'm gonna have to take care of it.] (Mina) By saying something like that, what are you trying to do, Mina? I couldn't help but throw a little peek.

There was no evidence that I was the culprit.

Since there is none, it's still gray. Not black yet.

Ofu?!?

While I was attempting to tell myself that it's okay, I felt something heavy pressing on my stomach.

Turning my eyes forward, Laurier was there, gazing at me.

Not only that, her thigh was pressing into my important part with a *gyu*.

This is bad.

Right above me, was someone very sensitive when it comes to magic.

[O...Uh...] (Haruto)

Suddenly, I'm making weird voices.

Please stop. No, please don't stop.

[Mina. That wind a little while ago was Haruto's doing. As punishment, Haruto isn't allowed to have supper today.] (Laurier) Ee?

Wait a minute.

Isn't that a bit cruel?

I saw Mina sweating due to the heat, so I made a breezy wind. That's a present, you know?

The skirt being lifted up due to the wind was purely accidental.

[... That ... No, you're right. It shall be done.] (Mina) Mina accepted Laurier's proposal with some hesitation.

As a maid, there must be some conflicting feeling when denying the master from their supper.

However, the proposal was still accepted, after all.

Don't refrain too much, that's what me and Rithina usually say.

When we are close enough, we won't mind about something trivial like that.

No, wait, wait a minute.

That's not it, this is different.

This and that are different.

My supper, I want to eat.

[Wait, wait a mo... Uaa. . !?] (Haruto)

I tried to make an excuse, only to have Laurier slide her hand into my trunks.

In that moment, using the chance of me being distracted, Mina went back inside Kurato.

This is impossible....

It's a lie....

[Oi... What's the meaning of this.] (Haruto) I turned my head down to see Laurier laying on my chest.

[In this situation, you should've kept your sight on me the whole time.] (Laurier) As Laurier said so, she entangled her small body with mine.

90% of her bare skin was sticking to me. It felt really good.

Jealousy? Is she jealous?

Laurier-chan is cute, ne.

Mina will most likely not allow me to have supper.

So, since supper is out of reach, let's eat Laurier instead.

Those easily grabbable hips of hers, I really want to grab.

Gueheheheh.

[Onii-san, there is something that I want to consult with...] (Celes) Just as I was about to stretch out my hands in the hope of grabbing Laurier by the hips, Celes appeared from within the interior of Kurato.

Such wonderful timing. Truly, godlike.

While for me and Laurier, the fade-out was done as-is.

As quick as a whack-a-mole game.

And, that's how.

Waitwaitwait.

[Ah. Hey, Haruto. What's the matter?] (Celes)

[Ce, Celes-chan? Do you know the reason why we aren't wearing our clothes?

Because it doesn't bother me at all, so why should I worry? Right, what was it that you wanted to ask?] (Haruto) Painful. What a painful excuse.

Trying to justify doing such an embarrassing thing in the middle of the day.

Celes was still on the stairs leading to the rooftop.

The face that was looking at me is painted a beet red.

Was the stimulation too strong for Celes?

[I, I'm sorry. I'm, sorry for disturbing...] (Celes)

[No, who said you are disturbing anything!?] (Haruto) Seeing that the visible part of her was only the head, I tried to hide Laurier from her view, who was still only standing on the stairs.

Though, now I'm getting kind of an unpleasant feeling...

Ouch!?

Why do my feet feel cramped?!?

Celes seems to back down, while I myself am lying prone on my stomach, with Laurier riding on top of me like a horse.

What's the meaning of this!?

I tried to shoo away Laurier with one hand, but she seemed like she was enjoying this too much.

Damn demon. Really is evil.

However now, the conversation that I have started with Celes has stalled. This problem, will I be able to stand up from it?

Is this the greatest challenge for this former hero?

[Onii-san?] (Celes)

Celes is starting to peek back up.

I quickly put on a poker face.

[It's nothing. So, what did you want to ask?] (Haruto)

[Ye, yes. Erm... It's about the golem that Onii-san had defeated. Concerning some part of that golem, may I borrow Onii-san's smartphone?] (Celes) Golem

parts and a smartphone?

Ahah, that must be it. Using the Golem's parts, we might be able to power the smartphone using magic? There was a talk like that before.

So, she wanted to test things out, didn't she?

[The smartphone? Sure... Go ahead!] (Haruto) Laurier was now tickling the sole of my foot.

Gugigigi.

That, that can be considered my weak point.

Was she searching for my weak point while I didn't notice?

Scary.

[....] (Celes)

Celes is looking at me with a cold gaze.

Did I get caught?

... Not getting noticed will be weird, though.

However, I still need to continue on.

[Ss... The smartphone... Is in my ... Locker woa! ... Yo. .You may use it as you like.] (Haruto) It's hurtit's hurtit's hurt.

Damn you to hell, Laurier!

[U. . Understood... Then, I'll be borrowing it for a while.] (Celes) After saying so, Celes went down to the first floor.

Mission complete.

Ha...

[Oi, bastard! What's the point!? Ha! It's hurting, you know!] (Haruto)
[What? The talk is already over, isn't it?] (Laurier) I could only use wind to protest at best.

Judging from Laurier's silhouette direction...

[That's not what I mean! Let go of my foot. At least temporarily.] (Haruto)

[Noo... Unless there are only two of us here now, this brand placed on you won't be released. I'll make it feel pleasant as I release it, so just enjoy the ride while we are at it, ne.] (Laurier) Sometime after Laurier said so, the restraint on my foot loosened down.

Guhee...

My feet felt numb a little, now that it regained back some of its freedom.

Ee... This is a kind of magic?

And it can be adjusted to become painful or pleasant, too?

Ah. This situation, you really understand me.

Does this mean I've been conquered?

That, somewhat sounded promising.

Tee... That will be a problem, right!?

[Oh~ Here here. It must've been painful.] (Laurier) Laurier placed my feet on her thighs, gently moving and massaging them.

Ooou...

The foot that felt numb, is slowly becoming comfortable...

No, I shouldn't fall for it, since this is Laurier we are talking about.

But, it's pleasant alright...

What about attacking the thigh?

No, that won't do.

I must get Laurier within one move.

I can surely win this.

[Funnuu.] (Haruto)

[Wa.] (Laurier)

I quickly turned my body forward from my previous, prone position.

And then, my leg tangled with Laurier's, while my hand fondled her breast from behind.

Counterattacking. Pay back. Let's make her regret.

[Well well, such an impatient man. You don't have to do something to that extent, you know.] (Laurier) After saying that, inside my embrace, Laurier reclined her head, and gave me a kiss.

Muu.

Did my calculation prove to be right?

I don't know for sure.

I guess I simply couldn't so easily win against a demon race.

By the way, due to that hustle on the rooftop being heard by everyone, I really didn't get any supper that day.

I cried.

Chapter 84: Former Hero – Disciplines the Child

The following morning, I (who was hungrier than usual) ate twice the amount of my usual breakfast.

This morning had nicely served rice.

Usually, loaves of bread were served with breakfast, according to the general custom. Did the serving of rice have anything to do with the guilt of denying me supper yesterday? Mina was being a kind girl, as usual.

By the way, it's not like I especially love rice.

It's just that, since I was loved by Mina this much, I couldn't help but to be the most willing man on the planet.

Otherwise, it's a pretty normal morning.

If I think about it again, it's been repeating for a while now.

I've been in this world for almost a year now... Or perhaps less.

I didn't even expect that when I first became the hero of Andarugia, I would be... No, being able to live together with these girls. I'm glad that I got sent to a different world.

And for your information, my birthday is just around the corner....

Birthday, huh?

Actually, I'm not really sure about it myself.

In fact, I had someone else temporarily decide when my birthday was.

Though, I have no particular fondness toward that certain day.

Even when celebrated, all I got was mostly only sweets or cakes.

Then, how about a birthday in this world?

Do the people here also celebrate it?

If so, I might have to make preparations when it comes to everyone else's

birthday.

I better ask about this to others who might know.

Since I don't have one myself.

[Ne, Haruto. Does this look okay?] (Rithinia)

While I was submerged in my own thoughts, suddenly Rithinia called me out.

Oops, my bad.

I was in the middle of teaching Rithinia magic.

[Aah, sorry. I was wondering about something.] (Haruto)

[Mou... Please pay more attention.] (Rithinia) Saying so while puffing out her cheeks, the sulking Rithinia gave an appearance of a lovely youth.

Well, no matter how you look at it, I was the only one sitting here, aside from her.

At the moment, Rithinia was practising the magic to produce water.

Other than that, I had also taught her how to stabilize fire magic before.

However, some time ago, she realized that she couldn't grasp imagining fire producing magic, and so she decided to switch to water magic.

By the way, for some reason, when the ladies are practising magic, they always wear shrine maiden clothes.

On the side, when I asked about the shrine maiden outfit, it's the kind "used as formal wear during a ritual for Gods" because (in my opinion), it is due to the belief that it's "recognized by Gods and may help in mental concentration".

All in all, it was just a sad excuse to see everyone dressed in shrine maiden outfits once in awhile.

That "feeling pleased already by seeing women dressed in that outfit, such a man is... ", remark by Laurier isn't easily forgotten.

That girl, what is with that strangely sharp erotic tsukkomi?

Because there were only four shrine maiden outfits available, Celes and Tanya don't usually wear one.

I should have had the shop {Jack of all Trades} in Malt prepare more.

However, after I obtained the other costumes, all that was left in my wallet was a bunch of moths...

Even when I get to Anhel, I'll be looking for the same kind of store. Therefore, it has become necessary to get more money from requests in the Adventurer's Guild.

It's been a long time since my wallet was this light. However, considering the cause of it....

Due to the travel expenses that has nearly left me broke, the money is now managed by the Marquis.

Perhaps, I might be the most poor....
Or, unless I show some resourcefulness... !

[Haruto-kun!!] (Rithinia)

Ou.

As I was thinking again, Rithinia's angry face was in front of my eyes.

With her eyes looking up, I am looking down upon a large chest.
And a clear gap of the shrine maiden's erotic collar.

This is the God of the Three Sacred Treasures.
Also, a horrible snob of a God.

What am I saying?

[S-sorry.... .] (Haruto)

Not good.
Somehow, recently I haven't been able to concentrate.

Ever since coming to the world, I've run into Laurier and little mustache Asmodian, and came into a fight against a Golem in a labyrinth. Probably because of that, life is now far more laid-back for the hero of the current era, which might have gone missing.

And, taking care again, I try to concentrate on giving guidance to Rithinia.

[So, you're still unable to grasp the image of water?] (Rithinia)

[No, this is perhaps too much...] (Rithinia) Toward my question, Rithinia is showing a pouting expression. She is obviously dejected.

[This... When I tried to touch the water with my hand to feel it, the image is only so-so] (Rithinia) From Rithinia's hand, there is water running into a bucket.

While splashing water around, Rithinia is getting depressed.

Uhh, what should I do with this?

First, the practice for manipulating water, is having a bad result.

I haven't taught the others water magic yet.

After everyone is finished working on fire magic, I will have them start working on water magic. If by then Rithinia is still unable to do it at that time, there will be quite an awkward feeling then.

But still, this is related to the talent of the people themselves.

It's not like Rithinia isn't talented with magic. There is just always something someone can't do, no matter what.

Well, this is too early to give up.

We should try various things to help.

[Let's see.... Hmmm....] (Haruto)

[Haruto-kun, what's the matter?] (Rithinia)

[Well....] (Haruto) What should I say?

Aah... how about getting thrown into a pool, and then telling her she might die if she is unable to manipulate the water! Though, it's something that only appears in hot-blooded mangas.

I was told that by the Royal Magician who taught me magic, though.

[Well, let's try to do image practice inside a pool filled with water.] (Haruto)
Of course, it's unreasonable to throw Rithinia into such a situation.

However, entering a pool seems to be effective.

[Pool... Eh. I see. But, it might be a little hard to practice.] (Rithinia)
[Yeah, I know. Although I can make it something like taking a bath, we might catch a cold if we enter a cold water bath at this moment.] (Haruto) Rithinia

understands from my explanation.

Even though the day is quite warm, with all the sunshine, the cold water might still be pretty harsh.

[Is... Will it be effective if we do it in a hot water bath?] (Rithinia) Rithinia, who is thinking about something, gave me a suggestion.

Hot water, eh?

I see... Hot water. That kind of idea didn't cross my mind.

However, in this case, it seems I need to be able to manipulate hot water...

Nn? What is it like? Maybe it is similar?

Oh well.

Let's try it for the time being.

[That's interesting. Instead of cold water, using hot water might be good.]
(Haruto) Although I can cast water, I've never tried to make hot water.

When I want to make hot water, usually I warm the water using fire magic.

If, from the beginning I can produce hot water, the baths during travel are gonna be easier.

I will practice it secretly.

[Even though it'll burden Haruto-kun to make the bath now, is it still possible to practice tonight?] (Rithinia) Rithinia, raising my motivation.

Now that I think about it, it'll be the first bathing with Celes if I make the bath for tonight.

Don't tell me that I'll be left out again... That's not gonna happen, right?

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We'll be reaching Anhel in the afternoon.

On the way, when we're encountering monsters in the field, Sharon and Rithinia deal with them.

We leave everything to Rithinia's taijutsu and Sharon's fencing/kenjutsu. No matter where we saw them, we progressed smoothly.

Sharon is starting to move well, like her Master.

As for the body strengthening, Rithinia is much better than Sharon.

As expected, the problem is not because of her talent for magic.

If I learned more about the issue, I might be able to make some methods for helping her learn.

During the night.

When everyone is busy preparing supper, I am preparing the bath.

As per usual, I poured water into it, but the differences now are at the edge part of the bathtub. I create chairs now to make it possible to sit.

Also, to make it comfortable for the human body, I consciously made some gentle curves. My consideration is pretty good.

Recently, I'm enjoying this kind of work.

Eventually, the design of the bathtub... Would it be possible to produce it by using magic?

Magic is pretty complicated.

Let's discuss with Celes if it's possible to do or not.

Nn? Am I a bath craftsman?

.... . After a little while, the usual bath is completed.

[Haruto-kun. Is it done yet? Thanks for your hard work.] (Rithinia) When I'm confirming the heat of the water with my hand, Rithinia gave her appreciation from behind my back.

[Yeah, the temperature is just right.] (Haruto)

When I'm turning around, Rithinia, who has wrapped herself with a bath towel, peeped out from behind the blockade.

That kind of outfit, of course, is on purpose for training magic with me.

Behind the bath towel, there is two big seductive swellings.

However, this time, I'm back to myself.

[Rithinia-sama... Why are you wearing that kind of outfit?] (Haruto)
[Eeh?] (Rithinia) Towards my sudden objection, Rithinia flinched.

It's definitely gonna be taken off when soaking in the bathtub. Of course that's why she has that kind of outfit.

However, I continue.

[Rithinia-sama. This is not for bathing, but for magic training. That is why, you should wear the miko outfit, right?] (Haruto)

[Eh? The shaman, miko outfit? Etto... R-right. . I guess?] (Rithinia) With my emphasis on dignity, the confused Rithinia gave her consent.

[E... Etto. . T-Then I'll get changed, please wait.] (Rithinia)
[Yes.] (Haruto) Rithinia obediently followed my order, and she returned to the Kurato quickly.

I'll take off my clothes while waiting.

After a few minutes, Rithinia, while wearing a miko outfit, appears.

[Forgive me for making you wait... Tte, Haruto-kun has already undressed.]
(Rithinia)
With the evening sun on my back, Rithinia said that while she saw me already in my trunks.

Looks like I'm not 'full of spirit' yet.

[Then, let's start and bask ourselves in the hot water first.] (Haruto)
[Y, yes. Please take care of me.] (Rithinia) Leaving aside Rithinia's tsukkomi, the magic training began.

Rithinia placed her knees on the washing place that I prepared beforehand, and the hot water poured from the bucket to her head.

Oo... Wonderful!

The hot water made the miko outfit stick onto Rithinia's body, and her curves started to show through.

Apart from the red parts, through the white part, it became transparent, and shows the skin underneath.

Moreover, the shape of her two hills can be perceived well.
Uwaa... What the hell is this.

What should I do with this.

The eroticism is different compared to when she is naked.

This, let's not make only Rithinia, but let's have everyone else do it too...

No, let's just enjoy the body line of Rithinia for the time being.

Eh? Why are we here again?

[Even after bathing in the hot water, I'm unable to grasp anything. Can I submerge myself as well?] (Rithinia) Rithinia asked me while turning around.

That's right. The magic training.

[A, alright. It's become cold, so let's go ahead.] (Haruto) Rithinia and I are soaking in the bathtub.

Of course, I'm taking off my trunks.

[Then, try to yield yourself completely to the hot water. Please imagine yourself combining with it.] (Haruto)

[I understand. Hot water... In general...] (Rithinia) Under my guidance, Rithinia shut her eyes and muttered while floating in the bathtub.

Because Rithinia is wearing a shrine maiden outfit, I sat on the chair in the bathtub so I won't sink, while holding her back and supporting her.

Before long, it became quiet due to her full concentration.

Only her face was above the surface of the hot water... No, not only the face...

Unexpectedly, there is something like islands elevated...

What a scene.

Her breasts are floating in the hot water.

No, the main reason is because I am supporting her body.

However, that's awesome.

Although she's not naked, it's become this lewd.

My feelings are making me want to pinch the tip.

OVERWHELMINGLY SO.

No, it's not good.

We're training right now.

It'll give a bad example to everyone.

I renew my purpose here once again.

Even though I said it to myself, why is there a lack of persuasiveness in it?

But, I'll endure it.

Without disturbing Rithinia's concentration, I endure quietly.

[Ano... Haruto-kun? Well, how should I say it... On my back...] (Rithinia) When my mental state became clear again, Rithinia has already opened her eyes while blushing, and her body is nervously fidgeting around.

Oops, this guy can't do it.

There is one wild kid which doesn't have endurance.

No, wouldn't it be better to call it a raging kid? Just kidding.

[Good grief... With its condition pressing on my back like this, it's impossible to maintain concentration. Maa, although I understand why it became like this.] (Rithinia)

[So, sorry.] (Haruto) Rithinia rose up from the water, and then goes and sits on the opposite end of the bath.

Criticized by Rithinia, I apologized and sit in dogeza.

[...Therefore, why don't we calm down the kid first?] (Rithinia) In my direction, Rithinia is approaching quietly.

And then, she started to gently discipline the raging kid.

Aaa... Rithinia's magic training is not advancing at all.

No, I'm really sorry.

Chapter 85. Former Hero – Stand in Aquapolis

Aquapolis Angel.

In the short distance from the land, the entire island forming a city. And then, there is a huge bridge spans toward over there, without using ship, we can reach it via land route.

Next of the Millis Kingdom, this city which located on the Elise Kingdom is a city where many great engineers gathers. Moreover, many local speciality coming from sea, there is many traffic of the trading vessels, this is a place where a lot of people coming.

[Oh my...]

Right now, I am stunned in the front of the reception desk in the Adventurer guild which existed in the Aquapolis Angel.

Today, we arrived at the Angel before evening, after divided into the groups, we begin the preparation to stay over on the Angel.

Rithina, Mina, Laurier gonna greet the higher-ups. Celes and Tanya will do some preparation for the restaurant and arrangement for the hotel.

And last, I and Sharon will go to Adventurer guild and looking for a work.

Since Sharon is not a type of girl who like spending money, we're not in hurry to gain money, but since she is single-minded in attaining victory (lit. is a monk of shura), she wants to assertively do guild requests, even in Angel.

As for me, my wallet is broke after the incident on Malt town, so I'm urgently want to gain money on Angel.

Using mithril sword to repel Golem in Malt is failure.

I should use the cheaper weapon.

It's too late to crying over the spilt milk, though I'm unable to not grieve over it.

Rather than that, i think i should be grieving about my devastating use of money, but i have not even a bit of regret spending money for Girl Cosplay

goods!

Thus, even though we're immediately coming to Adventurer Guild, but a single sentence from the reception stopped us.

[Right now, we're not accepting any new adventurers]

Short-haired onesan, explained unconcerned.

Apparently, in Anherl where traders and technicians' workshops are numerous, there are also a lot of outsiders coming and going, and with a quantity of people like that come a lot of arguments and jobs, but adventurers and people who come looking for jobs are also proportionately large in quantity, and because of that there are constantly people registering in the guild and not enough jobs, leading to the imbalance of supply and demand.

At present, only well-known/famed adventurers can registering on the adventurer guild.

[Un... Too bad we won't get any works since we can't register, oh well...]

From my back, Sharon said a carefree conclusion.

At best, if we're unable to get a work, it's impossible to train, that's what she thinking.

Sharon is accept the fact.

But, for me it's bad.

Because I don't have any money left.

Although the hotel expense is no problem because of the shared funds, it's bad if I don't have any funds for myself.

Every single time, it's not bad to spent with the girls, I want to enjoy an individual time at the hotel.

Since I don't have money, I can't always gonna do it under the blue sky. Umu... What should I do?

If I ask Rithina, I wonder if I can make some arrangement with the big shots? Nope, this is not Millis Kingdom.

It's not a good idea to give pressure to other country adventurer guild.

[Ano, I'm sorry. I am, I need money by all means, even though it's not possible to register on guild, is there any method which I can earn money?]

If it's not possible to register on guild, the guild reception oneesan, perhaps felt troubled.

[If that's the case, here you go]

Contrary against my expectation, the reception oneesan flawlessly, presenting me with a document from behind the desk.

I set down my eyes to the document.
In there, it appear Angel town, the blue sea, after that a drawn of the outskirts around the island.

Moreover, there is a big sentence written.

[Angel hosting: 24th Cross-race Island]

I can't read it.

Although I was able to read the Angel hosting, but as for the rest....
Nope, the rest I'm understand.
It wrote about the race... I guess?

[.... Sha, Sharon. Here]

Because I don't fully understand it, I shyly give the document to Sharon.

[Etto, The 24th Archipelago cross-race Islands sponsored by Angel]
[Thank you]

Archipelago cross-race, eh?
That's self-explanatory, that's still the same archipelago cross-race, right?

[Etto, this is?]

Just in case, I confirm it with the reception oneesan.

[Do you not know about this?
Even though it's being promoted grandly...
It's maybe because you're just coming from the Millis Kingdom.
It seems it's not reaching as far as Millis...]

Looking at the current me that looking at a blank space, the oneesan is

grieving with the lack of advertisement..

It's different. It's different you know oneesan.
It's just that I'm not interested to hear about it.

[A. I'm sorry
The one who being charge for the public relation is the guild]

The oneesan return to her usual self, she begin to explain about the race.
Archipelago cross-race, it's literary touring the island around Angel, it seems this race competing for the speed.
Also, this race being held for once a year.

And then, the prize for the winner is money and fame.
It's also being guarantee for favorable treatment.

In short, anyone who want money will join this race, to obtain the prize.
Moreover, the top-ranking winner might also being registered on the guild.

That's all.
I see.
I understand.

They probably keep giving out the documents without faltering to cope with the other adventurers without any planning capabilities like me, who cling onto the guild, and after going through the same thing over and over they have gotten used to it.

[It will being hold in about one month. It's participation can be apply on here.
A detailed outline for participate, it's already stated on the document earlier]

It will begin in one month.
Even if I can successfully get the prize by participating, does I need to penniless for one month....?
Uuu... So sad.

When I'm thinking for the future, the receipt oneesan take a glance on my back.
In my back, behind Sharon, there are two stern middle-aged man, they are waiting for their line.

Is this fellows also came to register as adventurer?
Or, they are registered adventurers, which want to take a quest?

Whatever.

In another word, I have received the general explanation from the oneesan, because I felt pressure from my back, I want to get away somewhere quickly.

I can't help to mumble about it, but it's certainly it will make trouble for the guild.

[I understand. Thank you very much]

[Thank you very much!]

I say my thank to oneesan, and went from the place.
Sharon who is also cheerfully greeting, going to follow me.

[Yes. Go join okay, we will wait for it]

The smile from that oneesan is lovely, after being also urged to participate on race, the stern middle-aged man agreed to join.

I'm feeling shocked to understand about a thing called business smile.

[Hey hey! Haruto, That race, do you want to join?]

When we went out from guild, Sharon asked in high spirit.
With a sparkling eyes, I want to kiss her because she is so adorable.
Nope, that's not it.

If I'm remember it well, Sharon love festival.
She seems on passionate on the event like this.

[Yeah. It's seems interesting, let's participate to get the prize]

[Yeah! It's interesting! I can't wait for it!

.... Etto, this race seems race in pair group, right?]

Answering my vaguely response, Sharon cheerfully agree.
Moreover, she also explain more about the participation outline after learning from the document earlier.

A pair group, eh?

[Hee. It is so. Then, should Sharon and I...]

[I, I will go with Laurier!]

Ee.

Before I can invite her to go together, Sharon already partner-up with Laurier.
Impossible.

Isn't you should be go together with your beloved ones?

While I secretly feeling wounded, Sharon quickly run to the hotel.
Ununu.

I, it's okay.
Then, I'll invite Celes or Tanya.

So, while I stopped being a loser, I followed after Sharon.
But still, an Archipelago cross-race.
I'll see the detailed rules after I return, it's seems as interesting as Sharon said.

After all, I am a former Hero.
To tell you the truth, I'm not sure to have confidence to win the prize.

No, I will participate for win.
Become champion, getting the prize.

And then, I'll let everyone fallen in love to me.
As for the victory prize, it'll be a Queen race costume play.

Fu.
Fuhaha...
Fuhahaha!

Chapter 86: Former Hero – Is Left Out

Sharon and I return to the inn, and after checking in with the receptionist, move to the top floor.

While climbing the stairs of the five story inn, she is excited about the upcoming race in one month's time.

When we arrive in the room, I'll try to partner up with Laurier before Sharon does.

Initiative victory. If I can secure Laurier before Sharon, I'll more than likely become the race's winner.

.... .

No, let's stop this.

While I'm thinking about it, Sharon is most likely going to invite Laurier as well, and as a result of their talk, will most likely agree to pairing up with her.

There is no need to ruin the pairing.

Uwaa... It's quite pointless.

I felt sad somehow.

To comfort myself, I stroke Sharon's ass, who is climbing the stairs in front of me.

Touch

[Hyaa!? Wa, Haruto-kun!? Why would you suddenly do that!?] (Sharon)
Sharon, blushing, turned around, with one hand on her ass, and one hand holding down her skirt.

No matter how much time has passed, she still behaves like it's her first time for such things.

[Fu. You have a lack of qualification as an adventurer. There is always a danger of being attacked by enemies, anytime. Don't let down your guard, even

a bit.] (Haruto) Such an absurd argument.

[Hee... Is that so? Then, is it alright to attack Haruto too?] (Sharon) Uwaa, quite scary.

Sharon, who is grasping her fist, is looking at me with a cold gaze.

What's more, because she is standing two steps above me, it's giving an even more intimidating effect, and is super scary.

Ah, isn't that right? Isn't this similar to a Demon King?

[I was lying. I'm sorry. That was just a spur of the moment thing. Please forgive me.] (Haruto) I ... immediately surrender. Quite miserably, too.

[Good grief... If, if you want to touch, etto... Don't do it so suddenly. If you say it beforehand...] (Sharon) She is not that angry about it in the first place, and Sharon seems to accept my apology quite readily.

And then, while she averted her gaze nervously, she said some lovely words.

Is that right? Isn't she quite the angel?

[Sharon] (Haruto)

[Ha, Haruto...] (Sharon) We're watching each other.

I pull Sharon's hand, climbing the staircase.

And, moving my hand to her waist, I hold Sharon close.

[Can I kiss you?] (Haruto)

[R, Right now, in this place...?] (Sharon) Sharon speaks while keeping her face down, glancing all around. There are no people in the surroundings.

[... If, if it's only a kiss.] (Sharon)

Sharon shuts her eyes, and puts her arms behind my back.

When she touches my back, I felt her shivering through our clothes.

This girl, is a really cute girl.

While hugging her even more tightly, I kiss Sharon's lips.

[Nn...] (Sharon)

When we're kissing, I can feel her warm breath.

I can also taste the softness of her lips... Obviously, it's impossible for me to endure.

Teachability? What's that?

I quietly move my hand to Sharon's bottom.

[Nmu!?] (Sharon)

Sharon gives a fast reaction, squirming her body.

However, I suppress her, by holding her head with my other hand, effectively sealing her movements.

Kukuku.

This is the strategy on how to capture Sharon.

Sharon becomes meek when we're kissing!

I can do it!

I have confidence in this strategy to victory, and my right hand is steadily moving in and around Sharon's ass, and inside her skirt.

However, I suddenly felt a pain in my side.

Oufu!?

The reason is definitely because of Sharon.

She is pinching my side, and twisting hard.

It's painful... So painful, Sharon-chan.

She might not want to do something quite in this place. . Is this Sharon being coy?

No, this kind of pinching is more painful.

[Mou! You said only kissing! Haruto ecchi! Bedda!] (Sharon) (TL note: Sharon sticking her tongue out) What just happened?

The strategy has failed...?

Does this mean that Sharon is growing up? Eh?

Gununu.

I wonder if it would have been fine for me to have stuck my tongue in.

Probably not.

Sobsob.

I need to apologize later.

Sharon already started running, and has disappeared up the stairs. I finish the rest of the ascent, tottering along the way.

The trials of being a human. There are always days in which everything doesn't go the way you wish.

When I arrived at the room, I offer my apologies to Sharon. Since she wasn't really angry, the matter is solved.

Sharon is really a good girl.

Aside from that, about the archipelago race.

I wonder if the talks went well. If they did, then I'm out of luck. (ED to TL note, erase this before posting: this line was left as a partial in the doc, so I'm kinda freehanding it from TA) Sharon invited Laurier, and she agreed.

Rithinia, who went to give the greeting earlier, was invited as a special guest, so it seems she is going to be busy with some kind of meet-and-greet on the big day.

Mina, who doesn't have any intention to participate in the race out in public, is going to be Rithinia's escort.

Well, these developments are to be expected.

The problem lies with Celes and Tanya.

These two, have somehow become close with each other. And before I knew it, Tanya has invited Celes, with Celes agreeing.

While I was talking about the race, the partnership just kind of established itself, and there was no room for me to act.

By the time I had finished speaking about the race, I had been left out

completely.

This is impossible...

Now, I am timidly sitting while facing the corner of the room.

No, I should have expected for things to become like this since the beginning.

I had predicted that Mina and Rithinia wouldn't take part in the race, but I hadn't made any predictions about the others.

[Haruto... Are you alright?] (Sharon)

From my back, I heard Sharon asking anxiously.

Even though I don't see her face (since I'm facing the corner), I gather that most everyone is looking at me.

Wait a moment, please.

I'll recover soon.

While recovering, my self-excuses start.

Let's think about this positively.

If I was not the one excluded, then one of the girls would have been excluded.

If it's come to that, then it's a good thing that I was the excluded one.

Therefore, as the master of this harem, it's necessary for me to take on this role.

Everyone might become strained and awkward with each other, so it's far better for me if they're getting along with each other.

Okay, this is a good excuse. Let's think of it like this.

My self-excuse time is over.

Oh well, Celes usually doesn't participate in this kind of event, so I didn't anticipate her joining.

I, who regained peace of mind, stands up and faces everyone.

[Oou. Did you recover?] (Laurier)

When I turn around, everyone is normal, except Sharon.

Though, this is Laurier's voice.

She is asking me that while enjoying some candy.

Kuu...

I am quite depressed here!

... Haa, calm down.

Right now, everyone is trusting in me to not get depressed by these kind of things. This is good chance to build up that confidence.

Ku, so painful.

... Oh well.

If I hesitate forever, nothing will start.

Let's think about my race partner for later.

[By the way, Rithinia-sama. Aside from the race, how is the search for a blacksmith coming?] (Haruto) To pull my mind away from depressing matters, I ask Rithinia.

It is so.

To begin with, the reason we're coming to this city is not to take part in this race.

It is to create a personal weapon for me, and we are coming here to get the best blacksmith to make it.

[Hm, let's see. We have an introduction to an excellent blacksmith. I'll guide you there tomorrow.] (Rithinia) Rithinia puts down her teacup on the table soundlessly, while answering my question.

[Really? Thank you very much.] (Haruto) Whenever Rithinia does something, I never recall any sounds.

The royal family is quite something.

Anyway, our aim of getting a blacksmith seems fulfilled.

Then, as Rithinia said, let's go over there tomorrow.

Aah.

But, the price.

As expected, perhaps I need to borrow money from everyone.

Uuun... is that it?

Aren't I going to try and use the victory prize from the race?

Nevertheless, my plan won't change.

The unexpected problems are starting to pile up...

Chapter 87: Former Hero – Goes Around to Blacksmith Shops

[Excuse me!] (Haruto)

Last night, I slept in the fluffy bed for the first time in several weeks. I'm satisfied after enjoying all kind of various size of breasts – from small to big. The trivial depression has already been blown away like the wind, and I feel refreshed and high in morale, while moving around to the weapon workshops.

I am walking with only three people. Sharon, Rithinia, and Mina. With Rithinia as the guide, it's just us three this morning.

After taking a short break for lunch, we are visiting our fifth blacksmith shop.

After there was an announcement for the engineers to gather, the seven best blacksmiths have been put together for purveyance.

I have heard that, from handmade weapons and armors to small intricate accessories, many things are exported to neighboring countries.

Anyway, as for my weapon request. Even though the blacksmiths are quite good, there is still no one smith that has been able to meet my needs.

Well, since I'm just stopping by and checking in on the shop, I'm not really seeing the full extent of the skills of the blacksmith.

Well, for now, we are just looking around. Chiefly because, it would be best if we make our request to the best blacksmith among them.

[... Eh, there's no reaction.] (Haruto)

I did say it quite loudly, and yet, there's no one coming out from the depths of the shop.

[Perhaps, the owner is away from the shop?] (Rithinia) Rithinia is peeping into the building from behind my back.

[Away from home? Un... Excuse me! Is there anyone inside?] (Haruto) Once more, I call out towards the interior of the building.

Then, there is a *dota dota* sound from within.

[Yes, yes. Welcome. What business do you have?]

From within, a girl appears.

Uwa. So odd.

The girl's appearance is messy, with disorderly black hair being kept down by a ponytail in the back.

However, the length of her hair exceeds her hips, and is flowing down to her thighs.

Eh, is it likely to reach the ground if her hair is let loose?

And also, her outfit is amazing.

She's only wearing a shirt... And the big things, the valley of her plump breast can be seen.

Uwa, such awesome views.

A little bit more, and I can see her panties.

Also, that expression of hers. So wonderful.

Eeh.

Hm? I wonder why?

My right arm, which is gripped by Sharon, is feeling an intense pain.

There is no way this is because of me, right?

[Etto, umm... The weapon, I'm looking for is a short-sized sword. I heard that the blacksmith in this shop is really excellent, so I decided to come here.]
(Haruto) [What, that kind of story, eh? I went out all in a panic, and lost myself.]

Oi oi.

Although you don't know the reason, why do you continue being rude to customers.

The pervert girl, who is wearing an obscene shirt, dropped her shoulders after hearing my intent.

[Currently, we don't create weapons anymore. Well, you can go check the weapon in the corner, though. Fuaaa~] (Pervert girl) This clerk/shop assistant gave us a half-hearted explanation. Also, don't go yawning, please. It's improper. At the very least, you should cover your yawn. {ED: These lines made me yawn...}

Wait a sec, is this girl the blacksmith?

[Haa... Well, I'll check them out.] (Haruto)

After speaking to the lewd girl, I went to go check the weapon which was lying in the corner of the shop.

Moreover, what kind of shop is this?

Even though I have been told that this is a weapon shop, there are no weapons being displayed here.

There were some accessories that I don't understand well scattered about, as well as a doll.

This, reminds me of something.

Ah. A clock, eh?

The figure of this world's number is being displayed on this clock.

There's no real point to check it, though.

I pick up the weapon, which is being displayed in a careless fashion, and pull it from its sheath.

And then, I confirm the grip on the blade.

Hee, this is not bad.

When I grip it with my hand, it feels similar to a steel sword.

However, I felt a strange power coming from the blade.

When I poured in a small amount of magic to experiment with it, I can sense the magic from within the sword.

Houhou.

What do you expect.

But, how does it become like this?

From what I understand, the difference in the purity of the material creates an insurmountable gap in the amount of magic that can be loaded. However, for this sword, it is not as pure as others, yet still conducts magic just as easily, and I am unable to understand why.

Thanks to some mysterious technique, this weapon is in no way inferior to a weapon of a better rank.

[Haruto. How is it? Does it seem good?] (Sharon) Because of my rare expression while checking the sword, Sharon asks about it.

[Yeah, although there is no problem with it, there is no need to check magic efficiency anymore. Even though I don't really understand why, there is a clear margin of difference between this one and the weapons previously.] (Haruto)
[Hee~ Is that so. Awesome! Can I check it too?] (Sharon) [Sure, here you go.] (Haruto)

I passed the steel sword to Sharon.

Sharon takes a long, hard look at the sword, groaning while she inspects it.

[Even after I load it with magic power like you did, I still don't understand anything.] (Sharon) Sharon doesn't seem to understand the quality of the weapon yet.

[You, although you are young, you seem to not quite understand the weapon.] (Lewd girl) The pervert girl seems to be listening in on our conversation.

[Eh, well, I have tried a lot of various weapons up till now.] (Haruto) Fufufu.

Actually, I am not only capable of using swords. I can use spears and bows too, you know?

Heroes must be very skilled and excelling in multiple fields, you know?

[So, this sword, how did you make it like this? It's only common steel, but the magic efficiency is quite high.] (Haruto) I asked while leaning my elbow on the counter, facing the lewd girl directly.

I went all the way like that, not because I wanted to see the valley of her

breast peeking out from her clothes.

There is no such reason, for sure.

[That's a trade secret. I can't teach you at this moment.] (Valley of the Breasts) The lewd girl answered my question, and is also leaning her elbow against the counter.

Leaning forward like that, the space of her shirt is opened wider.

Oou.

A little more.

A little more, and I can see the peak.

[You can buy it, if you like it?] (Mochi Cakes)

Although I'm not sure if she noticed my glance, the lewd girl straightens her posture, and parts away from the counter.

Oi, the hell.

Aren't you going to show them till the end?

Such discourtesy, coming from this lewd girl.

[Nah, even if it's a very good steel sword. From the same crafting method... Let's see, is it possible to create one from orichalcum?] (Haruto) Orichalcum.

It goes without saying, the highest class of material.

The final weapon, which I used during my time as a Hero, was also made using orichalcum.

It's quite awesome.

Even though it can't be compared with the God of Destruction's Sword of Ragnarok, it's the strongest sword, having an overwhelming magic efficiency, and surpassing all other materials.

[Orichalcum, you said? Ha! Impossible, impossible. Such a thing doesn't exist.] (Coy Breasts) Answering my question the lewd girl... Stopped for a moment. As she is a weaponsmith, she answered back while laughing.

Well, that's to be expected.

I only said it for the time being, but the opponent's side seems surprised.

[Oh, I'm just kidding about the orichalcum, but I want a sword with the same amount of performance.] (Haruto) [Fuun? You, although you can judge the quality of the weapon, don't seem to have that much skill ... ?] (Pillows) [Though he looks like this, he is a surprisingly capable person, you know?] (Rithinia) [To be accompanied by three girls, you might be a filthy rich person.] (Fun Bags) Bikibiki.

Oi.

This girl.

So impolite.

It's not acceptable.

To say only three girls, when in actuality it's six girls.

However, this is not the best time to say that.

As I thought, she is a perverted girl.

Nonetheless, being able to craft a weapon is wonderful.

Even though there are two other weapon shops left to tour, I don't think they will be reaching the level of this one.

[W-well, putting things aside, I would like a weapon. For the time being, can I request to have a weapon crafted from here? Do you think you will be able to forge something like this?] (Haruto) I put the mithril sword that's hanging from my waist on the counter.

[Is this a mithril sword? To bring such a thing here, do you not want to request this from a senior blacksmith? Ah, well, it's probably due to some special circumstances, there's no other real reason to request it of me.] (Rude Breasts) It's true.

That's my reason fromt the beginning.

[I wonder how I should work on it? ... Oh, it was produced well. Ah? But, to be damaged like this? To damage a mithril sword like this, are you really able to master it?] (Cleavage) Gununu.

While checking the Mithril sword on the counter, the lewd girl commented as such.

The people of this world, do they not have any hospitality towards their guests?

At least try to learn, and come close to a Japanese person's level of hospitality.

[I fought against a special being. That thing was very –] (Haruto) [Fuun. I don't care though. Then, how? Should I repair it? It will take around a week though.] (Interrupting Suppleness) T-H-I-S S-T-U-P-I-D G-I-R-L....

Her cleavage is showing itself for a moment, such conceit.

It shakes whenever her body moves, those breasts!

Not that.

[Ah, no, actually I was just looking around the shops for now, so I haven't decided on what to do with it yet.] (Haruto) [What? You're only window shopping. And here I was, already thinking about this, seriously.] (Conceited Mochi) The lewd girl frankly returns the sword.

I guess it can't be helped.

For the time being, let's check out the other two weapon shops.

There might be a more capable weaponsmith than this girl.

And, I also don't have any money yet.

[This shop is the best I've seen so far. Perhaps, I'll come again.] (Haruto) [Yeah, yeah. Feel free to check around, and look at all the other weapon shops.] (Mountains of Venus) I received the sword back, and left the counter.

The discussion has ended, and the three others that were looking around the shop have returned, looking to me.

[Ah, yeah. I am Haruto Amagi. Lewd... No, what is your name, Oneesan?] (Haruto) [N? Name? Don't you see the writing on the signboard?] (Blacksmith Girl) Chi.

It's too bad, but I can't read it.

[Oh well. My name is Kagura. Gil Kagura. Well, nice to meet you.] (Kagura)
The weaponsmith girl, introduced herself.

Kagura....

It's very Japanese-like.

Is this just a coincidence?

[Kagura-san. I'll come again later, so please take care of me at that time.]
(Haruto) And then, we left that shop, and proceeded to the next one.

Chapter 88: Former Hero – Working Hard Labor

Two weeks later.

Hohou? Is the attack from the front being endured?

Then, what about the pincer attack happening from the left and right?

Fuhaha!

You bastard, I can see your weakness is being attacked from the sides!

Ku! It's been penetrated through, and the interior is very dangerous!

Endure it! Keep it up and endure!

This is no time to surrender!

In this place, has my conquest for world domination been checkmated?

Hahahahaha!!

Kyu kyu kyu kyu.

[Haru-kun. Why are you so happy cleaning the floor?] (Kagura) Ha!?

While I'm cleaning off the dirt from the floor, I'm waging an intense global warfare between the army of dirt versus my army of cleanliness in my mind. Though, I've been pulled out of it by Kagura-san's dull voice from behind me.

[I... I'm not happy. It's indeed quite fun, after I manage to find a way to get enjoyment out of it...] (Haruto) I think it'll be pointless if I get upset about it, so I decided to not think about it.

In these two weeks, I have been working in the pervert – Kagura-san's shop.

After visiting this store for the first time, I went to the remaining two weaponsmith shops, but they were inferior to Kagura-san's shop.

The main reason is not because the other weaponsmiths were a bunch of old men.

Thus, it was inevitable to request Kagura-san to forge and craft my

replacement weapon. I have no regrets.

Since my wallet is going to have to rely on the prize money received from the archipelago race, which starts in two weeks, I'm lacking a way to pay the advance payment. Thus, during the one month free time before the race starts, I began working as a part-timer in Kagura-san's shop.

Also, if I am working as a part-timer here, I have a legal reason to enjoy the activity of the pervert Kagura-san.

Of course, to avoid being overworked, I'm actively checking the time with my wristwatch.

According to what I heard, Kagura-san seems to be the only daughter of a genius weaponsmith.

By the way, she's a dwarf.

In addition, she is 20 years old already.

When I imagine a dwarf, I thought it'd be the lollita-type figure, but such a thing is different in reality.

She's taller than me.

I also don't know what the difference is between her and a human, like myself.

If she was in Japan, she might be akin to the female college student, or the female office worker type, I guess?

Spreading around adult female charm.

Although, I don't feel it much, except from her body.

All of that aside, Kagura-san seems to have completely inherited her parent's talents, and has become a first-class weaponsmith at a really young age.

However, she is still a maiden, and has grown tired of just making weapons all the time.

She seems to have grown tired of using a hot furnace and hammer while sweating profusely, and has seemed to find a new enjoyment in mechanical technology.

The mechanical technology has developed considerably in this world too, and is not wholly reliant on magic.

Some existences exist, such as a stove, streetlight, and washing machines.

The kuratou is also quite mechanical.

Although, the foundation of the machine is a Spirit Stone.

Previously, when I saw the pamphlet for the archipelago race, there seems to be a type of printing technology, too.

Anyway, she is totally absorbed in mechanical technology, and lately she is focused on the creation of a clock.

I had my wristwatch somewhat hidden in the beginning, but when I came back to talk with her again, her eyes caught sight of my wristwatch, and now I wear it openly in the shop.

Rather than showing my other earthly machines, this item is enough to sate her.

By the way, the payment for my work is going towards the cost of the weapon.

So for now, I am wiping down the floor inside her shop.

To tell you the truth, her shop is really dirty.

Most likely, it rarely gets cleaned.

Since she is renting the place, and not the owner, this should make it easier when switching tenants.

Can you really not keep it at least a little clean?

Kagura-san is, basically, not a good adult.

If the storefront is this bad, I cringe at the thought of seeing just how bad her living spaces are.

Also, no one is coming to the shop at all.

How is she earning her living expenses?

Nah, there seems to be enough money saved up from the profits of weapon

sales she made while she was a kid.

I envy her.

I myself want to live having a lot of money, not needing to work, surrounded by the girls, and spend my life leisurely.

While I was busy having a fierce fight with the dirt in the corner of the room, I heard Kagura-san's voice from the counter.

[Hey, hey, Haru-kun. While you're still cleaning, can you show me your wristwatch? Onee-san wants to see the insides a little bit.] (Kagura) Here it comes.

This is it again.

Celes and Kagura-san. When an engineer-type person is curious about something, why do they want to sate their curiosity by deconstructing it?

Kagura-san and I have become friendly in these last two weeks, and she has started calling me Haru-kun.

Haru-kun.

It's kinda pleasant to hear.

[Kagura-san. I already said it's impossible. I'll be troubled if it were to break.] (Haruto) This line of communication has been repeated many times over.

If the wristwatch was to be broken, it'll become troublesome.

Although it just has a regular clock, it also has functions such as a solar cell, alarms, and other useful gimmicks.

[Haru-kun is stingy. If a man were to show a generous attitude, this onee-san might just fall in love with him~ If you gave me that wristwatch, I'll begin to repair and reforge all kinds of weapons~] (Kagura) Kagura-san looked up, and I can see she is smiling sweetly.

Usually, such a smile is an ill omen though.

Fall in love? Seriously?

If I were to propose exchanging the wristwatch for a one-night stand with Kagura-san, how will she respond?

Isn't this not a bad way to create a good relationship with Kagura-san, at the cost of one wristwatch?

Kagura-san is kinda attractive.

She is wearing a tank top with no bra today, and as for her bottom part, she is wearing hot pants, showing off her perverted figure.

I can see the swelling of her chest from the top of the tank top, and her butt coming out of the bottom of the pants.

I can only think she is trying to tempt me.

I would like to be in that kind of relationship, if possible.

After that conversation, 30 minutes had passed. After cleaning off the dirt from the edge of the floor, I gazed around the shop's interior.

Even though it's not quite "as good as new", she can be pretty confident in the beauty of the shop's shelves, wall, and floor.

Un. It feels refreshing.

I'll remember this sense of accomplishment.

I might be unexpectedly suitable for this kind of work. (1) It feels good, having worked silently, with a goal in mind.

Before I knew it, Kagura-san had already fallen asleep on the counter.

As usual, Kagura-san works on something until late at night, so she is always suffering from a lack of sleep.

She is currently sleeping during the daytime; though, I think it would be better to sleep at night, and work during the daytime. However, she seems to lack motivation unless she is working at night.

I do understand myself why every night, you can have an increase in motivation. Guhehe.

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Glance.

After I finish cleaning, it's time for me to enjoy my recent pleasure time.

I enjoy observing the sleeping Kagura-san.

She is sleeping... Right?

Kagura-san, who is making a sleeping face, is quite cute.

Also, her chest is still quite amazing.

It's being pressed tightly, and it's wonderful.

I can only describe this as being wonderful.

However, there is a wall, which I can't cross.

For some reason, Kagura-san, who has fallen asleep in a casual manner, with her defence as a woman full of gaps, still has a very important part incredibly well defended.

Kuuh... Another impregnable defense today.

I wonder how much defense an LP of 100 would give... (2) I wonder which kind of position I should move to in order to see it... But, it is still quite impossible against her mysterious, impregnable defence.

No, I won't give up.

A hero must never give up.

I went over to the counter, and observed her from behind.

Is this the ultimate line that a body can reach? The line is amazing, from her butt, up her back, and to her lower side, under the breast.

However! However, I am still unable to see the tip!

Damn. A little bit more.

I'm sure that, if I move her body a bit, I will definitely be able to see it.

Gununu.

[....]

Oops.

While observing Kagura-san's sleeping posture from various angles, I noticed Celes is peeping in from the gap of the doorway.

I was surprised! I was really surprised!

Celes, is now working to make a magic power supply for the smartphone in the back room of the shop.

This is because, in the kuraou, the plan for remodeling the smartphone had been interrupted due to a lack of equipment. As a token of generosity for working here for a while now, I am allowed to use the equipment in this shop for Celes's sake.

To be honest, I've already resigned myself to having the smartphone break anytime now.

Of course, it would be great if it can be operated with magic, but the chance of that seems to be small. (3) Celes said that, if we can use some of the parts from the captured golem, it is not impossible, but I'm kinda doubting it.

Nope, it's not important right now.

[Ce... Celes, since when did you get there?] (Haruto) [Etto... Just now... I'm sorry] (Celes)

Celes said so, and then she closed the door.

Ou...

Will Celes always be like this?

Do you have to be born under a certain star to always encounter this kind of timing?

I should always be careful when I go somewhere together with Celes. I've duly noted it.

Yes, this is an important lesson.

It's already the third time now.

I have grown up, just a little, again.

Chapter 89: Former Hero – Welcomes the Day of the Race

Summer!

Well, I say that, but isn't it a little too early for summer? Or are my senses being fooled by the area around Anhel?

With the sun blazing brightly, the day for the Archipelago Race has come.

[Ano... Kagura-san. Are you alright?] (Haruto)

I ask Kagura-san, who is standing by my side.

For someone who only goes out shopping for food, isn't this kind of sunshine killer, just like it is for a vampire?

[I'm alright...] (Kagura)

Kagura-san is closing one of her eyes... Is it because of the sunlight? It seems to be damaging her eyes.

The look in her eyes seem to be worsening, and turning cancerous, like the look of a yankee.

[The sunlight during summer is pretty harsh... Are you really going to be okay for the race?] (Haruto) [Yeah... Right now, I'm really regretting it, Haru-kun. But, for the wristwatch, I'll do my best.] (Kagura) Disregarding my worries, Kagura-san walks slowly to some shade, and sits down, completely exhausted.

This person... I'm kinda worried she might really die under the sunlight.

[Etto... Then, I'll go over to the receptionist, so please take a break here.] (Haruto) [... Ah~ ...] (Kagura)

There is a response; however, she is a bit like a corpse.

Is this really going to be alright?

She might become a mummy by the time I return.

Are you wondering why I have Kagura-san as a partner? Well, since I have no available acquaintances, and this town is so big, I went to Kagura-san.

At first, I was going to just simply pick up a partner from wherever I could find one.

I could return to Torres via a teleportation magic formation, and ask Etna-san.

But, teleportation magic formations are dangerous, so I refrain from using them unless something urgent comes up.

Then, while I was talking about it to Celes, Kagura-san overheard it by eavesdropping on us, and she has offered to be my partner in the race.

Rather than recruiting some random old man or a fellow adventurer, I'd much rather participate with the big-breasted Kagura-san by my side.

I don't know what and when a lucky event may happen.

However, I'm really surprised that the hikkikomori Kagura-san is participating in an event like this.

Oh well, since we're going as partners, I'll listen to her story as she researches the internal structure of the wristwatch.

The scientists in this world are really frightening.

If you show them something from an unknown civilization for a mere moment, they will completely chase after it.

Thinking about it, this probably has no relation to my own charm.

Aside from that, I accepted Kagura-san's offer.

Even though I said that, I was still firmly refusing to allow my watch to be dismantled.

However, when my arm was grabbed and placed within her voluptuous breasts, I lost all will to refuse.

Nah, there are no issues with my willpower.

When you're being sandwiched by such breasts, is there any man in the world

who can resist such a thing?

No, I don't think so.

If there is any, I think they're probably not really a man. Something like a Homo or an Okama.

That's all for my excuses.

They were very pleasant and soft.

Aah, I want to place something else between them as well.

It might also be really nice to bury my face in them... Pafu~ Pafu~

The feeling of pafupafu would be great...

Anyway, the enticement is quite nice, but I am considering the current state of affairs. Right now, Kagura-san is not looking favorable.

Seriously, I might have to work very hard in the race. Oh well.

First thing is, that we are able to participate.

Moreover, I think I can show off to Kagura-san, so let's make her fall in love with my charm!

Kukuku...

For the starting point, going off the info from the receptionist, it's on the east side of Anhel's beach.

Because the entries just finished there are only a certain number of participants.

The beach has become really crowded with all the race visitors and stall shops.

There are a lot of couples flirting inside of the shops, too.

Ah, I remember that whenever I went to the sea on Earth, whenever I saw a couple, I would remember to send a curse their way.

If I think about it now, that's pretty childish.

That's because, today, I don't have such negative feelings.

The reason goes without saying.

Fu.

Fufufu.

[Oh, Haruto. What are you doing all by yourself?] (Laurier) While I was watching a couple on the beach go by with a feeling of victory, someone called me from the side.

[N, nothing. I wasn't smirking just now, you know?] (Haruto) The one who is asking, with an old lady tone, is Laurier.

When I turned to face Laurier, Sharon was there with her too.

Sharon and Laurier look different, since both of them are wearing swimsuits.

I have experience in coming to the sea, so I have prepared thoroughly.

I won't show the appearance of them in their underwear to anyone other than myself.

[Hee... Both of you, those swimsuits seem to suit you well. Cute.] (Haruto) I praised them first.

I don't really have to compliment them though.

The swimsuit they are wearing is a simple one, without any kind of ribbon or decoration, and instead gives off a sporty feeling.

It suits Sharon especially well.

[Ehehehe... I-is that so? Thank you.] (Sharon)

[Fufun.] (Laurier)

Sharon responded to my praise with a meek expression.

As for Laurier's reaction, she is showing off an air of superiority, but I can see that her face is a bit red.

Fufu. Their gestures are so cute.

[Have you two already gone to the receptionist? I'm heading over right now.] (Haruto) [A, yes. We've already gone. Let's see, here's our number.] (Sharon) Sharon answered my question, and she shows the number on her arm.

It seems they stick a small number to you.

I thought it might easily come off, but it looks to be secured with magic.

Nice.

Magic like that, seems easy to reproduce.

I wonder if that kind of magic is worth practicing?

Ah, well, even if it's just a number, it seems like it could be useful for various things.

Magic is not just limited to combat related tasks. It can be used in other areas of expertise, too.

[By the way, Haruto-kun, are you by yourself? Did you not meet up with Kagura-san?] (Sharon) Sharon is looking around restlessly in search of Kagura-san.

During the past month, Sharon and the others had come by the shop several times, making everyone in my harem acquainted with Kagura-san.

[Aah . . Kagura-san is pretty weak against sunlight, and is now slowly dying in the shadow of a tree. If possible, can you buy something cold for her?] (Haruto) [Ah, over there. Alright, I understand! Then, let's go Laurier!] (Sharon) [Umu. Haruto, see you later.] (Laurier)

[Yeah.] (Haruto)

Both Sharon and Laurier have started walking over to Kagura-san.

After I saw them off, I walked over to the reception desk.

After finishing the stuff at the reception desk, I went back to get Kagura-san.

When I see the main stage in the hall for VIP guests, I noticed that there were several familiar faces looking back towards me.

The seats for the VIP guests are placed a little far and is off limits. Just when I was thinking about what I should do, Rithinia noticed me and went through the seats over to me.

[Rithinia-sama, thank you for your hard work. Mina too, good work today.] (Haruto) I greeted Rithinia and Mina who were in the VIP seats.

Both of them are not participating in the race, so it's regrettable that they are not in swimsuits.

Also, Mina-san.

Why are you wearing a normal housemaid outfit on such a sunny day like today?

[Haruto-kun~ There have been many people coming and greeting me since this morning~ I'm so tireeeed~] (Rithinia) Oddly, Rithinia is complaining.

Is there a huge number of people making rounds for greetings today?

[Is that so. That's pretty terrible.] (Haruto)

I am casually patting Rithinia's head, who is sitting in a chair.

Because I was standing next to Rithinia, I am in a pretty good position to stroke her head.

[Wa. Fufu... Thank you very much. With this, I am refilled with vigor.] (Rithinia) When I pat her head, Rithinia shows a big smile.

That smile, is also healing me.

[Ano... Haruto-sama. There are many people who can see, so it's not a good thing to do that here...] (Mina) While patting Rithinia's head, Mina gave me a warning.

Looking around, I see several old men and women, sitting in the VIP seats, looking at me. Their dubious expressions seem to be saying, "Who is this guy?"

Oops, dangerous.

I am sorry.

[Sorry, Mina, Rithinia-sama.] (Haruto)

[I'm sorry, Mina. I also let down my guard, and was feeling happy.] (Rithinia) [No, I understand that feeling too, that is why...] (Mina) When Rithinia and I apologize, Mina is ashamed.

A pleasant feeling, eh?

Fuhehe.

I quietly approached Mina, and whispered into her ear.

[Mina, I'll pat you later.] (Haruto)

[Nyaa!? A... Y, yes. Thank you very much...] (Mina)

Hearing my words, her face is turning red. Dere-dere Mina-chan is so cute.

With this, I wonder if she is feeling happy now.

Taking a glimpse, I see that Mina's skirt is shaking lightly.

It might be because of her tail.

Fufu.

So easy to understand. Isn't that so cute?

[... Haruto-kun. Let's continue with me later, okay?] (Rithinia) Rithinia said that while peeking at my face.

Even if you didn't say that, of course I'll pat you.

Though, not in a place open to the public eye!

[Of course. Then, I'll go ahead. Make sure you two don't get dehydrated.]
(Haruto) [Yes. Haruto-kun, good luck in the race.] (Rithinia) [Haruto-sama, we'll be cheering for you.] (Mina)

While receiving words of encouragement from them, I responded to them by raising a thumbs up while turning my back to them.

Guh!

Then, I walked away from the VIP guest's area.

This, is a pretty cool attitude, isn't it?

I don't know if it will be transmitted to them or not, but this looks kinda like one of those scenes from a guy who will die in the future.

I won't be turning around.

If I turned around these two girls ... No, I am sure the people in the VIP seats are vacantly watching me, and I would die in shame.

After returning from the VIP area, I come to the general hall to look for the

last pair of girls.

Where are Celes and Tanya?

In the sunlight of summer, an elf with transparent hair and a loli brown beastman should stand out quite a bit among the crowd.

However, in front of the main hall, there is a great number of people around.

Though, I still found them.

[Celes. Tanya. If you two are already finished registering... Eh, what is it?]
(Haruto) When I found Celes and Tanya, I called out to them. Though, when I saw the scene around them, I became speechless.

[Ah, Onii-san. Etto, we haven't done the re-registering yet. This is... Umm, what should I say...] (Celes) [Haruto! These fellows are trying to pick a fight, and lack common sense. So we knocked them out.] (Tanya) The two girls in front of me, explained their current situation.

As Tanya said, there are four people who are rolling like corpses beside them.

Are you all okay?

You all are not dead, are you?

[They were making a move on my woman. That is certainly not allowed.]
(Haruto) [O, my woman... Tte, That's... Ehehe.] (Celes)

[Aside from Celes, I am not your woman, you know?] (Tanya) [Eh?] (Haruto)

My woman, with those words, Celes suddenly stops moving.

Such a precocious kid.

Precocious?

Although the meaning might be different, it's all good.

And then, Tanya seems to be making a pretty cold statement here.

I mean, I've been piercing you quite severely at night for quite a while now... Aren't you my woman? I'm a little shocked now.

Eh? It can't be?

Does this mean that I have been misunderstanding something?

[Ha! To think of me as your possession without my permission?... But, well. I'll give you a special chance. If you can win against me in this race, I'll formally become yours.] (Tanya) Tanya is provoking me while looking down on me.

[Hou... ? You will become mine after I win? Alright, I accept your challenge.] (Haruto) Between Tanya and myself, sparks started scattering around with a *bachibachi* sound.

What if I am defeated?

In order to make sure there is no room to escape from me, let's not talk about it.

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A man with a loli beastman, disputing on whether or not she will become a possession of the man.

Four men dying while rolling around on the floor.

Off to the side, there is an elf saying [My woman... My woman...] with a red face.

It won't take long before people begin to surround us, asking questions.

How should I explain this situation?

[Ah, right, Sharon and the rest are already over there, so quickly go and finish your re-registration. We can drink some juice afterwards.] (Haruto) [Oo! As expected of Haruto. Yosh, let's go. Hey, let's go right away, Celes.] (Tanya) [Fue!? Etto... Y, yes.] (Celes)

After I reel back in my attitude, Tanya also switches back to normal.

And, she also climbs up on my shoulder, like usual.

This fellow, didn't she say that she is not my woman yet?

Oh well.

I'll win this race, and then I'll make her formally admit that she is mine.

There's now another reason why I can't lose.

Naa, Leon.

Leon is unrelated.

Though, for some reason, I want to call someone.

Chapter 90: Former Hero – Swimming At Full Power

[Now! Today is the day for this year's Anhel Cross-Archipelago Race to begin! The number of participants this year, is 296 teams, which is the highest so far. As for the number of participants gathered here, it is almost 600 people!]
(Onee-san) The voice from the energetic onee-san resounds.

Although I don't know whether magic or machines are being used, the voice from the microphone is being enhanced, and is resounding around the entire venue.

The participants are standing by near the starting point, with the race starting at noon.

Just behind me, Kagura-san, who has recovered after eating curry for lunch, had a somewhat gloomy expression towards the crowd of people.

As for the other two pairs, they are not nearby.

They are seriously aiming at victory as well, and want to avoid any possibility of collusion.

As for me, of course I'm aiming for victory.

During our lunch, Laurier and I made a bet.

Anyone who gets defeated, will have to take the winner's place of helping Mina with the laundry for half a year.

If I win, I can live pleasantly, but if I were to lose, I would be more than happy to wash everyone's underwear; there is no disadvantage for me.

.... . Oops, I turned into a pervert a bit too much.

Well, anyway, there are various things that are contributing to me participating in this race.

This is a fight with which I cannot be defeated.

There is seldom a situation that, even if you lose, it turns into a win.

[Then, I want to explain the rules before beginning the race. Even though I say that, the rules are simple.

You just need to reach the three islands over there, pass through each checkpoint, and return back here.

However, there is a new attraction on each island every year!

So, which team will be the first on reaching the goal this year!?] (Onee-san) The onee-san, keeps talking with high tension.

After the explanation, I turn to look at the three islands that I need to pass.

There are several islands in the distance, with three islands surrounding them. Because the islands were off limits, I don't know what kind of tricks they have in store yet.

I believe the distance is not greater than 5 km, so if I were to use {Search}, I could find out the tricks on the islands.

However, I am a former Hero.

I'll fight fair and square, and won't do any prior investigation.

Though I haven't done any pre-investigation up till now, it doesn't mean I won't do it later.

When the race begins, I'll use it.

By the way, during the race, it's prohibited to use magic to attack the other participants.

In other words, as long as the magic is not used for attacking, it's allowed.

Afterwards, the greeting is continued by other important people of the town, and Rithinia also participates in the greeting.

When I begin to lament to myself if the race will ever start, the race is finally set to begin.

[To all the participants, are you ready? Then.... START!!!!] (Onee-san) At the same time the host onee-san gave the signal, there is a high pitched "Poon!" sound.

And then, I and about 600 other participants begin running forward to the

first island.

It is a long distance swim to the first island.

This race is interesting, because there has never been this number of participants before.

Many people will give up at the end of the long distance swim; additionally, each checkpoint has a limit to the number of people that can successfully pass on to the next one, so there will be a lot of participants that will be unable to finish the race.

Everyone seems to be quite serious.

Even though the Adventurer Guild did the advertisement and recruitment, why are there no powerful pairs of adventurers here?

Let's put that aside. Kagura-san and I arrived at the beach too.

[Kagura-san] (Haruto)

[When we really come to it, it's actually kind of scary.] (Kagura) I knew beforehand that we were going to have to swim between each island, so I already discussed our strategy with Kagura-san earlier.

Even if I say strategy, it's just Kagura-san and me swimming while holding each other.

When I squat down, Kagura-san pressed herself to my back.

This is what you call a piggyback ride.

Inevitably, Kagura-san's plump breasts pressed against my back.

Ouu... So soft.

It's true that I didn't aim for this when I suggested this strategy... It seems recently, I have made a lot of excuses.

As a human, I will be open about this.

Lets aim for that!

Meanwhile, her arms wrapped around my neck and her breasts pressed onto my back.

In addition, I can sense Kagura-san's cheek near mine.

Her breath is flowing into my ear.

My, my heart is *dokidoki*ing from this.

However, I need to concentrate on the race now.

[Then, let's go. Please grab onto me firmly.] (Haruto) [Un, please.] (Kagura)

Toward my words, Kagura-san clings tighter to me with a *gyuu*~

Uhaa~, she really feels like she doesn't want to be separated from me.

No, this is why...

Once I put away my evil thoughts, I, with Kagura-san holding onto my back, enter the sea.

[Ooooryaaaaaa!] (Haruto)

Because Kagura-san is on my back, I am swimming in the sea using the breaststroke. (ED: Haruto's favorite pastime) Since there is only one person swimming, the speed is not the same as normal.

However, I am a former Hero, who has strengthened himself with magic.

We're passing some participants, and are reaching the main group of people.

Oh, this is going better than I expected.

If things keep going like this, I can possibly be the winner.

Suddenly though, I felt a response, and there is laughter coming from behind me.

[Hahahahahaha! Move aside! Move! Open the way for ME!!!!!!]

This is a familiar laughing.

When I peek to the rear, I see Laurier.

That's fine.

However, I was at a loss for words when I saw this spectacle.

Laurier was princess-carrying Sharon, and she ran quite fast on the surface of the sea.

I-Impossible! She is using the other participants as a foothold!?

No, it can't be.

She seems to be making an invisible foothold in the air with her magic, making a kind of pseudo-float.

Eeh?

That's foul play, right!?

[Whaaaat!? That's awesome! That... Etto... Team number 96, Laurier and Sharon. There are running along the top of the water!

This... I heard about it before. Right before your right leg sinks, you step out with your left leg, and then step out again with your right leg before your left starts sinking. You will be able to run on the surface of water by repeating this. This technique of running is only described in legend!] (Onee-san) While the host onee-san is following the race in a boat, giving out comments like a knowledgeable doctor, she is amazed at Laurier's sea running.

Well, her method is different.

No, even though it might be possible, for Laurier, it is different.

[Fuhahaha! Ou, Haruto! Why are you in a place like that?] (Laurier) Che.

If she gets any closer, I will grab her ankle and drag her into the sea.

[Oi, that's cheating! Swim properly!] (Haruto)

While I'm doing the breaststroke desperately, I yell at Laurier.

[Fu] (Laurier)

Ah!

This fellow, she is laughing at me, isn't she!?

Our position, puts Laurier's ankle on the same angle as my head; meaning, she is looking down at me, both physically and mentally.

[This is not breaking the rules!] (Sharon)

Sharon, instead of Laurier, while being princess carried answered me.

Gununu.

Certainly, there is no rule against this.

It's also not an attack by magic, either.

More like, to begin with, why are there no one else doing the same thing as her?

Is it because you can do anything, that something like this isn't prohibited?

If there is a flying demon, who has wings, participating, is it allowed to fly through the sky?

No, that kind of demon would never participate.

Oh well, whatever.

After laughing at me, Laurier increased her speed; after calming down, I notice that she is already in front of me.

Damn, this is bad.

[Kagura-san, I'll be doing a crawl, and quite seriously too, so please endure for a while!] (Haruto) When I became determined to do so, I gave a warning to Kagura-san on my back.

[Eh? Crawl? Wa... Haruwaaaaa!?] (Kagura)

Without waiting for Kagura-san's answer, I shift my swimming form to a crawl.

Unlike the breast stroke, my body is shifting to the left and right; Kagura-san, who is on my back, is shaking as well. We're splashing about quite a bit, but it can't be helped.

[Uwaaa... Haru-kun, wait a moment!?] (Kagura)

If you are trying to talk right now, you will drink seawater, you know?

Though, even though Kagura-san is being tossed around, her grip on me isn't loosening.

She is clinging onto me firmly.

Apparently, it's possible to keep crawling.

Yosh, let's keep it up.

Afterwards, my speed is also beginning to rise, so I've passed the main group too.

On the way, I felt that Celes and Tanya also got through the group too, but since I'm swimming so hard, I quickly lost sight of both of them.

Well, as for now, because only Laurier and Sharon are in front of me, I'm sure they will catch up later.

Eei, damn.

Is our speed the same? Although we're not falling behind them, our difference is not shrinking.

No, it seems Laurier is getting slightly faster?

I feel like we are slowly being separated.

By the time our long distance swimming finished, and we arrived on the island, we could no longer see Laurier and Sharon.

Chapter 91: Former Hero – Fully Enjoys It.

[Cough cough... I thought... I thought I was going to die.] (Kagura) While I am looking for Laurier and Sharon's presence, behind me, I heard Kagura-san make a grudging remark while coughing.

[I'm sorry. Um, are you alright?] (Haruto)

[It's okay, you don't need to seriously apologize.] (Kagura) While facing Kagura-san, I am apologizing obediently.

She seems to not care that much.

And then, Kagura-san grips her long, wet ponytail, and squeezed it, hard.

E.

Eeh!?

Squeeze!? She, squeezed it!?

While I am surprised, Kagura-san's expression is saying, "What?" (ED: Why wouldn't you squeeze a ponytail to wring it out?) No, I don't understand it well, but if the person in question isn't complaining, then I don't need to say anything more.

Ha!?

From Kagura-san's wet bathing suit, I can see something with a pink color, slightly.

No, no way... There is a Godlike movement to destroy the impregnable defense, in a place like this.

Oou... I want to see it.

Using this chance, I'll observe it thoroughly.

However, right now is not the time to do something so leisurely.

Gugigi...

I am half-heartedly removing my vision from Kagura-san's breasts.

I really need a strong amount of mental power. As expected.

[Ka... Kagura-san. This, thank you very much.] (Haruto) On the beach where we landed, I picked up a paper that contains the objectives, and handed it to Kagura-san.

There is a landing point is set up on each island, and the objectives for the island will also be located there.

While following the rules, we've headed to this island.

[Etto... What is it...] (Kagura)

Kagura-san began to check the paper, which contains the objectives.

Yeah, if I didn't have a partner, I'd drop out at this stage.

[There is nothing to do here, so let's start moving over to that mountain.] (Haruto) I take Kagura-san's hand, and start moving over to the small mountain.

This time, when I take a glance to the rear, I can see Tanya landing on the beach.

I didn't see Celes anywhere.

Originally, if someone arrives early, it's customary for that person to wait for their partner before confirming the objectives for the island.

After seeing this, Kagura-san and I set foot toward the forest, which leads to the mountain.

Huh, without my being aware of it, Tanya has turned into her adult form.

I want you to face this race seriously, but I would rather you only show that adult form exclusively to me.

With the spectacle of those swollen breasts, there is a mysterious charm overflowing.

[Let's see... We climb the mountain first, then we acquire a ball while there? Afterwards, we take the ball to the goal on this island.] (Kagura) Kagura-san explains the objectives.

Fumu.

It seems that it is not that complex of a objective.

[Haru-kun, you seem to understand that we need to go to the mountain first? Or do you already know the objectives?] (Kagura) Kagura-san asks while directing a faraway gaze at me.

I-it's not like I did something wrong to deserve this look.

But, those onee-san's eyes are really sinful.

Obviously, I didn't say anything.

However, when I used my {Search} magic after landing on the island, I noticed Laurier and Sharon were headed toward the mountain, so I started chasing after them.

[Nope, I don't know. But, I noticed that the only remarkable landmark on this island is that mountain. If we need to do something, it's most likely related to that mountain. It's just a simple guess. If it's just me, I would have been able to easily see through it.] (Haruto) [Oh, awesome. As expected from the self-proclaimed First Class Adventurer.] (Kagura) Well, it's totally a lie, but I will keep quiet because she is being honest in her admiration of me.

Honest, eh?

What's with that 'self proclaimed' title.

Nah, it seems to have happened because I've not had a chance to show Kagura-san my abilities.

Be relieved, I'm a trustworthy Former Hero.

Oh well.

The race will enter the serious stuff now.

[Kagura-san, please stop for a moment.] (Haruto)

[Uwaa! What? What is it?] (Kagura)

Towards my voice, Kagura-san gives me a confused look.

Even though the target mountain is directly ahead of us, there are traps

spread out starting from here, and also are further on ahead.

To be more specific, there is a pitfall right in front of you.

There were also traps on the way here, but I avoided them all.

However, from this point on, there are quite a few traps that need to be avoided.

[There seems to be a pitfall.] (Haruto)

[Pitfall? Eh... I didn't notice it at all.] (Kagura) I would have also certainly missed it.

This is all thanks to {Search} magic.

What did Sharon's pair do?

I think I know what they did.

Same as before, Laurier is carrying Sharon while running on air.

This way, the activation from most of the traps can be avoided.

That's very Chuuni-like.

It's a really cheat 'Cheat'.

Well now, what should we do?

Naturally, I cannot run on air.

Although I can do it if I push myself, Kagura-san won't be able to do it at all.

Then, there is only one choice.

Combine!

[Forgive me for being impolite.] (Haruto)

[Uwaa!?] (Kagura)

I exercise some strength and pick up Kagura-san into a princess carry.

[Mo-mou... Haru-kun... Why did you do this so suddenly?] (Kagura) When I picked her up, Kagura-san slightly protests.

Her face... is red? Nope, it's not like she particularly has any feelings for me.

As for the earlier movement, even though I have prepared beforehand, I do admit that I was a bit hasty.

Lets reflect on it later.

But, however.

The self-indulging body when I saw her on the beach, the plump breasts on my back in the sea, and after the arrival on this island, a wet bathing suit showing some pink things...

With all this comboing, I quickly became engrossed in touching Kagura-san's thighs as soon as possible.

The princess carry is quite wonderful.

With the princess carry, I can legally hold a woman's thigh; it's a really wonderful custom.

Even though it doesn't compare with the piggyback ride, where I can grab my hands onto the butt... well, for this one time, the winner goes to the princess carry.

I shoulder her with one arm, and hold her thigh with my other arm.

In my arms, Kagura-san wraps her arms around my neck, so that she won't fall down.

Because of the bathing suit, our skin was in direct contact with each other, and I can sense the warmth from her wet and bare skin.

The feeling of plump thighs, made me want to squeeze something.

Umu!

Etto... Now, what were we doing?

Ah, I forgot about the race.

[We're going to fly a little now, so please hold onto me firmly. Ah, also, the ponytail is dangerous, so please hold onto it too.] (Haruto) [Ah, yes. I understand.] (Kagura)

At my words, Kagura-san moves her long hair in between her breasts; in addition, she clings onto me with a *gyuu*.

Umu!

I firmly hold onto Kagura-san, and begin collecting magic into my feet to strengthen them.

And then, –bam-, I jump lightly.

I jump over the hidden pitfall easily, and land on the other side.

[Uwaa? Such an amazing jump! But it's also really scary!] (Kagura) [Since I will be flying in the future, when you think it gets a little scary, you can close your eyes. Also, don't open your mouth too much either, to avoid you biting your tongue.] (Haruto) It seems the jump is scarier to her than I expected. After seeing Kagura-san's watery eyes, I gave her some advice.

Kagura-san doesn't open her mouth and nodded.

We've lost some time with all of this, so let's show off my real ability from now on.

I confirmed our current state with {Search} magic again.

From the response, I noticed that Sharon's pairing has already arrived at the area at the top of the mountain.

There are also a few pairs not far behind them.

I have also understood the arrangement of the traps ahead.

Alright.

I take a deep breath; first of all, let's begin to run while aiming towards the top of the mountain.

Pitfalls, logs, rat traps, hanging ropes, nets, round rocks on a slope, moving scaffolds, and lower demons.

Good grief, the entire island has been remodeled quite a bit.

Moreover, these traps are kinda frightening; it seems it won't be used for next year.

As a countermeasure, the objectives for the islands change every year.

I wonder if they have a lot of money for that. I'm so jealous.

When I come up to the traps, I dance around them a bit, and destroy them at the same time.

The more intense my movements, the more Kagura-san's breasts in front of me sway. Up, down, left, right...

Everything is as I planned. (TN: Keikaku doori)

As I expected, the spectacle exceeds my imagination.

Amazing. This is really amazing.

After I understand my surroundings by using {Search}, I then proceed to steal quite a few looks at Kagura-san's breasts.

Ah, well, I'm just making sure everything in front of me is alright.

Nevertheless, I want to praise myself, who chose giving a princess carry, over the piggyback ride. Harasho!

After a while, I arrive at the top of the mountain, and a round ball is already available there, as according to the rules.

The ball is a bit like a balloon; the balloon must not be broken when we are descending from here. Therefore, we need to protect it.

No problem.

Kagura-san holds onto the balloon; if we did the same thing like when we were getting here, there is no reason to worry about it breaking.

But, even though the balloon will be fine, it also means that the objectives are a little dangerous.

Since the start of the race, hasn't Laurier been the only one that has been dominating?

With the balloon protection and the running, Laurier seems to be at quite an advantage with her {Air Shield}.

Well, couldn't {Air Shield} become an attack magic?

How would it? It's kinda complicated.

Worst case, if we were to use magic around the balloon, would it classify as

cheating?

When I think about it again, Laurier really seems to have a 'Cheat'.

That fellow, to have such a convenient magic.

I have also been training to learn {Air Shield}, but I guess the original is just something else, isn't it?

Aside from that, comparing those two to the rest of the people on the island, they are not weak. There would be no problem if one of them is left behind, and the other one finishes the race on her own.

While I am anxiously going down the mountain, I sense two people coming towards me.

Eh?

Why are they going back?

When I proceed forward some more, I meet up with Laurier.

Sharon is not here.

[Oh, Laurier. What happened?] (Haruto)

[It's embarrassing. The balloon was broken by a tree branch.] (Laurier) For a moment, we went ahead and chatted for a bit.

And then, Laurier turned back towards the top of the mountain.

So you say it broke on a tree branch?

This person, was she not using {Air Shield}?

Fumu.

Even though there were two people, neither of them seemed to think about using the magic in such a way.

I'll name this pairing the Baka-girls.

But with this, I am taking the lead, right?

Fuhaha!

Isn't the wind now blowing at my back?

Chapter 92: Former Hero – Lost on the puzzle ahead.

Kagura and I passed the first island in the top lead, and we're arriving at the second island now.

The second island is located near from the first island as the next target, so I went on and started carrying Kagura-san princess-style.

I wonder, is the distance here around 300 meters?
Even though I jump with all my might to show my awesomeness to Kagura-san, she only said [Ugyaaaa!] instead receiving an [I love it! Please hug me!] response from Kagura-san. It's improper for a girl to scream like that, you know.

It's like her life will be taken away.

Moreover, I can still keep on jumping with at full power to reach the neighboring island,
but I have decided to land nearly on the level of the surface of the sea.

There's no reason in doing that other than me wanting to see the hills of Kagura-san's bikini again when she's dried-up. I want to pay respect to the cherry blossom.

Splash! The sea surface splashed up because we went down at full speed. Kagura-san, who drank a little seawater, protested to me.

I was hoping that her swimsuit will be fall-off by chance because of the impact from the splashdown earlier, but it seems it's not that easy.

Tch.

In the end, what I did just lowered Kagura-san's view towards me instead of raising it to favorable levels by showing my amazing-self to her, but I don't regret my action earlier at all.

You see, it's because the swimsuit is clinging more tightly to her breast thanks to it. What a smooth skin.

Also, there's something pink showing up on it's tip.
My motivation is soaring with this combination.

Let me say it again.

I didn't have any regret doing it!

That's all.

[What is the name of the King of Elize Kingdom?]

Right now, I am standing with an unpredictable despair.

The main challenge in the second island is a labyrinth and a quiz.

The labyrinth is still alright.

I will be able to understand the surrounding structure by using Search magic even if there's no sense of direction.

I don't understand nor do I remember our path to reach the goal, but we were able to avoid dead ends. There's also no problem when choosing the correct road to get through.

But the quiz is bad.

As bad as if we're getting checkmated.

I don't know anything at all with regards to the history of this world.

[Ka-kagura-san...]

I sent a glance to Kagura-san, who is a native of this world, as the last hope.

[Nn~... Nope, I don't know it either.]

Why!?

Aren't you the resident of this country?!

You should be aware of it!

At least you should be aware the name of your King!

I curse inside my heart.

But, it can't be helped if she doesn't know about it.

If you are suddenly asked something about the history of Japan, I might not know about it to be honest.

My compulsory education is only until grade-school after all.

The name of the King looks like something that's learned during elementary

school.

[Timeout. No.124 please find another passage or wait here for 10 minutes.]

Hii.

What the heck is that?

Although there are other passageways, isn't it more realistic to wait for 10 minutes?

Afterwards, I also don't know the answer to this question, [What is the special marine product of Angel during Autumn?].

It can't be helped because I don't know.

But for Kagura-san

You! Setting the king's name aside, you don't even know the special product of this town even though you lived here?

Plea, please be more useful.....

Is this quiz is too high of a hurdle for a hikkikomori like her?

And then, we received another 10 minutes of waiting.

Even though other participants have yet to show up from this passage, I can feel that their numbers in this labyrinth is increasing, so we must hurry up.

Mou! Is there someone who went ahead of us?

It's hard to tell since we're inside the labyrinth.

Also, we will never get a correct answer in the quiz.

Uwaa... That's possible....

I heard a cute voice that time from the passage behind us, so I turned around.

[Celes, Tanya...]

It was Celes and Tanya who were behind us.

It seems they have caught-up with us.

[Yo, se-chan. Can you finally catch-up?]

The female pervert greet them without any sense of crisis.

Kagura-san called Celes as Se-chan.

As for Tanya, she calls her Ta-nyan.

Putting Celes aside, I don't know if Tanya is somehow getting excited whenever I call her Ta-nyan.

When a tsundere is angry, she will at least be blushing and will become adorable. But for her, she is giving of a real wild excitement instead.

[A, hello. Onii-san, Onee-san, what's wrong? Why you two are staying in the place like this?]

[Well, what should I say... The quiz....]

[Quiz... Ah...]

When I mentioned quiz, Celes seemed to notice something.

Well well?

Celes-chan, just now, did you noticed it?

I think your guess is correct.

When I am still talking with Celes, Kagura-san is chatting with Tanya and is going [Eh! Are you really Ta-nyan? Uwa, It's so big! Your breast are so big!]. I heard a reaction of an old-man from that conversation.

Come to think about it, did you don't know that Tanya can transform into a bigger form?

You noticed her breast first.

What did you initially see?

No, it's certainly standing-out.

I did it too.

Also, yours is as big as hers.

I want to bury myself in between three girls', Tanya, Rithina, and Kagura-san, breasts.

I'm sure it'll feel amazing buried in those.

It's like the Alpen mountain in another world.

I want to climb those mountain. Why would I won't climb it?

After that, we're staying behind when Celes and Tanya challenge the quiz.

Mou, It won't do if I don't understand the subject even if I know it. Celes easily answers it and they are allowed to pass through ahead.

[Etto... We're going first.]

Celes say it while feeling apologetic, and disappear in the passageway ahead.

Tanya exhales [Ha!] and looking down on us when she passes by, which made me irritated.

How much should I receive this disdain with that [Ha] thing?

You didn't even answer it!

Why are you looking like you're the one who answered it!?

Kuso.

It's still helpless no matter how hard I'm thinking about it.

This race is a two-person team.

Celes is the brain and Tanya is the rest.

It's my fault for getting attracted with the breast, which lead me to pair-up with this female pervert.

No, there is no regret because I can worship that wet-looking breast. There is no regret!

... I feel a little bit empty.

After we made one wrong answer, the next question appears asking [What is the effect of medicine created from the Orc?]. I then answered [Energy drug!] in high spirits. We can finally pass through with this.

We did it.

The thing I know ever since I came to this world is not useless.

Thank you Orc.

Thank you energy drug.

[As expected from Haru-kun, it's the same just like what everyone said.]

Kagura-san praised me.

Are you really praising me?

Somehow I don't feel like I am being praised, am I?

More importantly, did someone among us told you about it?

I don't have any reason to deny it. I'm not ashamed at all. No need to be embarrassed.

That's why, I swore in my mind to prove my dignified-self in everyone's image tonight.

Chapter 93: Former Hero – Suffer being defeated.

There is another quiz again at the end of the labyrinth on the second island.

I thought it has already ended.

Come to think of it, why is there a quiz in the race?

It should be simpler just by competing with physical strength.

Although I keep on whining, I need to accept the reality in front of me.

Ah, I wonder if there is a question about the full name of the third Princess of Millis Kingdom, or the name of the cute receptionist of the Adventurer's Guild in Torres town, or the location of the cheapest rest area in the Malt town.

I'm sure it will be amusing if Rithina's name really appears.

Yet I don't understand the quiz at all. But since it's related to a legendary weapon, Kagura-san is able to answer it perfectly.

Lucky.

Nope, it'll be rude if I said lucky.

There is a saying that the joint power of two people will pass through anything.

We safely got through the second island, we are now on the third island. After another word, we arrived in the last island.

I am legally splashing Kagura-san since there is quite a distance to jump.

Guhehe.

When I'm thinking that everything is alright, something interesting is waiting for us.

The pair of Sharon-Laurier and Celes-tanya can be seen there when we arrived at the last island.

We took our time on the quiz when we are attempting to clear the labyrinth quickly.

Even though Celes can easily answer the quiz, she, on the other hand, got lost on her way inside the labyrinth.

As for Sharon, she seemed to have fought hard for both the labyrinth and the quiz.

The time we are passing by the second island is overlapping with others. That means, Celes and I will be the strongest pair if we are in the same team.

It took me quite a while in the labyrinth and the quiz. Are the other participants the same? There seems to be no other participant arriving at the last island as of the moment.

Since the prize is being given to top three ranks, we will then be monopolizing all of them.

To think we can become rich quickly.

No. Everyone owns a small amount of money other than me.
I am the only one who is in poverty. So sad.

We are here now and there are five people checking out the island rules while I am enjoying myself seeing everyone's appearance in their wet swimsuit.

Unfortunately, there is no one else who got wet and had their swimsuit become transparent other than Kagura's swimsuit.

But still, the groups of five beautiful girls is wonderful. This is like... there is so many thing can be expressed.

Right now is not only for racing. We are also here for a holiday, and I am hoping to become the great thief in the legend.

[... Then, what are the rules here?]

I asked that question to Kagura-san

[Haruto, why are you leaving everything to Kagura-san!?
Are you still unable to read after writing a lot and studying hard like that?]

Sharon, who taught me language, gives me a complain at my side while looking at me.

Tsk, what a noisy girl.
Sharon, in teacher mode, is really nagging.

Fufun.
However, you are my enemy right now.

Your words, I won't listen on it.
I won't listen to what you are saying.

[There is no need to listen on what the enemy is saying.]

Sharon is unable to say anything towards my cold words.

Ah, my back suddenly is shivering.
I think I said too much
I ended-up provoking her.

Should I apologize? Eh wait a moment. Sharon begins to take a deep breath, and approaches me while smiling.

Uwa so scary.
The smile is lovely, but the pressure is overwhelming.

Eh? What?
Are you really that angry?
Isn't this like a daily joke?
But, should I go and prepare to apologize soon?

Sharon looked so angry from my joke. She is coming in front of me while I'm still trembling and thinking about it..

She then stretches her hand. I prepared myself with a guard stance when, rip, she took my number.

[Ouch!? Eh? What?]

I don't understand it. I was left dumbfounded.
Sharon turned around and goes back to Laurier.

Kagura-san, who is looking at the scene, suddenly raised her voice.

[Not bad Sharon! We did the most troublesome first!]

Laurier praised her after Sharon returned.

Etto...?

I'm still unable to grip the situation, and there is still a question mark in my head.

I can sense that something has just happened.

I feel like I should get back my number.
When I am about to do so, Sharon's team start to run away.

[Aita]

I heard Kagura-san voice from my back.

When I heard her voice, I turned around and to confirm it. Oh damn it.

Tanya peeled off the number on Kagura-san's arm and took it away

Ah.

.....Aa, I somehow understood what happened. I understand this situation.

So this is going to be that.

It's to deprive the other participants of their number, right?

.... Oh shit.

When I finally understood the situation, I panickedly look at Sharon's direction.

.... But the appearance of Laurier and Sharon is no longer there.

Uwaa, it can't be.

Those girls is gone in a flash.

Damn it!

Then, I need to at least get back Kagura's number from Tanya!

But, when my attention is focused on Laurier and Sharon, the appearance of Celes and Tanya has already disappeared.

U, uwaaa....

I was stunned for a while for being successfully outwitted.

The failure to read this world's language, and unexpectedly being noticed on this place.... What a blunder.

This isn't the time to be grieving. But, what should I do?

Should I follow the tactic of Sharon's group of waiting for the other participants to come here and then launch a surprise attack before they have understood the rules?

.... No. There's no sign that the other participants will be coming soon. Moreover, those girls will most likely reach the finish line first while waiting for them.

But even if I have decided to give-up victory and aim for the third rank, what about the fact that both Kagura-san and I don't have our numbers? I guess that will be useless.

I must get back our numbers in this place.

Fu... Fufufu....

That's good.
Let's do it.

Not only will I get back our numbers, but I'll also deprive them with their numbers too.

They are clearly showing hostile intent to me. Don't think you can all reach the goal without defeating me first.

[Etto, the organizer who prepared this is an adventurer and we need to collect the number of the other participants... Tte, uwaa?! Wa-wait Haru-kun?]

I carry Kagura-san, who begin explaining the rules of this island. Her breast which are being pressed to my chest is very pleasant, but it's not the time to enjoy it.

[I'll hear the details in it while running. Search. Search!]

Even though I don't see their appearance, it's possible to grasp their whereabouts with magic.

It seems these two pairs are moving in different directions after separating from me.

Although they are schemed to get our numbers, they don't seem to stick together with the others.

There is also someone aside from these two pairs in another place of the island.

This fellow seems to be the adventurer who organized this stage just like what Kagura-san said a while ago.

I'll confirming the detailed rules later. Which of the two pairs should I chase first? Is it Sharon's pair or Tanya's?

.... When I consider the war potential, Celes and Tanya's attack magic being prohibited is a lot easier.

First of all, let's put the order like that.

I'll make you all seriously regret this.

Chapter 94: Former Hero – Gropping the insides of the swimwear

[Gu... Nununu...!]

Tanya is groaning under me while she is being held down.
I'm suppressing her neck and twisting her arm up while sitting on her back.

[Haa... Ha...! D, do you realize it now?]

Tanya is in her adult form thanks to my magic, and I'm having a hard time holding down onto her.

Even though magic attack is being forbidden, this fellow, on the other hand, is using her beast fingernails.

Thanks to it, there is a nail scratch carved onto my body. It's painful.

However how is it?

If I were in full power, look at this now.

Tanya is struggling to move under me.

There was only three minutes of battle.

Fuhahaha! Aren't I so overwhelming!

Did you think you're able to match-up with my movements during the morning practices?

But it was the opposite. I have learned about your habit and behaviour during your evasion.

When you're able to understand each other's patterns, the simple differences between us becomes something decisive.

Or rather, did the differences from the time we meet become wider?

Kukuku....

By the way, I have instant-killed Celes the moment we have encountered each other.

To be specific, I licked and stretched her elven ears after I attacked her from

the back.

The ears are the weak point of Celes.

I don't know though. Is that the weak point of elves in particular or is it just Celes's weak constitution?

If possible, I also want to do the same thing to other Elves to verify this matter by all means.

Celes, like usual, went limp immediately after I blew her ears. She has collapsed on that situation.

Therefore, it'll be a guaranteed KO if you lick her ear.

Just to make sure, I took off her swimsuit quickly for her not to revive back. I then hold her swimsuit in my mouth.

That's why Celes can't do anything anymore. She hides her chest and her hidden part down below while sitting down. (ED Note: Hehehehe.)

Isn't it already too late to feel shy when showing your breasts in front of me at this moment? It's not a problem, right?

Kagura-san is standing beside me.

[Fu... Fufufu... Fufufufu!]

I, who won a total victory against Celes and Tanya, were raised by three steps of evil laugh. But since I am holding Celes's swimsuit in my mouth, I can't open my mouth freely.

[Well, let's get Kagura-san's number back. I wonder where is it?]

Tanya doesn't answer my question and she just kept struggling to escape from my restraint.

Do you think it's possible to escape from me today?

It's impossible. Impossible Impossible! (TL Note: Muda muda muda!)

[I have asked you nicely.

Oh well... Let's search for it then!]

Tanya is wearing a swimsuit.

If you were to hide it is somewhere, there is one place there is a possibility.

In other words, that place is inside the swimsuit.

I cover Tanya using my entire body and thrust my hand into Tanya's swimsuit.

[Fua?! Oi you! What are you... Nn?!]

Wait... Ah... That place....]

I ignored Tanya's protest as my hand kept on moving inside her swimsuit.

Tanya is wearing a one-piece swimsuit.

Where is it?

Where did you conceal it?

Even though I was thinking on searching my favorite breast cleavage, but I instead checked on her hips first.

After changing Tanya's body posture, my hand were inserted between the space, and it then rubbed and groped around.

[H, hey... Your hand.... Ah... Nn... It's definitely.. Not moving to search...]

Impossible.

Who knows if you're concealing it between your ass.

This is, by any means, not a lewd action.

I will insist that this is the valid inspection.

But, that's it.

It's really amazing to move my hand inside the swimsuit.

The degree of contact with the skin is higher than usual since my hand is being suppressed by the swimsuit.

Like this, I touched around here! It's like it's being insisted.

Moreover, the visual effect from outside is also high.

My hand were crawling in the swimsuit restlessly.

Originally, I can feel something was there.

It's so wonderful.

... Oops dangerous.

This is physical examination.

Wicked thought is not good..

It can't be helped if there is any wicked thought.
And then, five minutes passed by.

[Haa... Haa...]

Which breathing does that belong? Me or Tanya?.... No, it's the sounds of our breathing mixed together in the surroundings.

I'm skillfully enjoying Tanya's body till the corner... Then, as the result, I have discovered Kagura-san's number that have been concealed in her breast. Additionally, I have also obtained Celes and Tanya's number too.

A former hero doesn't compromise.

[I did it...]

I released Tanya's restraint and stood-up.

The battle lasted only for five minutes, but Tanya can no longer to stand-up.

Fu.

Every night, I have already grasped all of your weak points before my ambition that knows no bounds.

[Celes. Here]

I had been holding it in my mouth for a long time, so I returned Celes's swimsuit.

I hold a part of it on my mouth. Although I was looked upon so cruelly by holding it in my mouth for a moment ago, I cannot leave Celes the way she is now.

I had returned back the swimsuit, even though Celes were perplexed by my action. But it's better than wearing nothing.

Well, it might be a bit sticky because of me.

What very low act.

... Uh, it doesn't seem like Celes is feeling shy in this situation.
But let's avoid looking at her now even though I understand that this situation is not right.
This is the saga of a bad boy.

The whereabouts of Sharon's group is understood thanks to Search after I have heard and confirmed it. I think I can catch-up to them before they get out from this island.

[Uu~.... It's so goey...
I have to wash it...]

Celes has given up on wearing her swimsuit. After I saw that Tanya was still gasping, I had started to take action.

My next target is Sharon and Laurier.

This is a good chance.
Those two girls had made light of me a lot recently.

Apparently, they have done fairly well in the training. I think my dignity as master/shisou has been lost.

The result is different than my usual habit. Absolutely not.
I don't remember doing such things when I have accidentally placed my hand on their breasts.

Good grief. When I was turning around to the beautiful girl-san in the town, these two girls were instantly giving me a cold gaze and a small scolding.

No, jealousy is good. It's cute.

However, I want you two to give me sparkling eyes full of respect even if I say that, like the first time we met back then.

I will let your bodies learn about the differences between training and actual combat in this occasion.

[Kagura-san, let's go.]

[Ah, un. I understand.]

Had Kagura-san already become accustomed when I called her? She thrust her body to let me carry her easily princess style.

I then hold Kagura-san's thigh and side with my hands and lift her in one go. Kagura-san moves both of her hands around my neck.

I was holding her shoulder at first. But during the confusion, I have slipped my

hand under her armpit. Kagura-san didn't say anything in particular. Perhaps she has not yet noticed it.

But when I held her in her armpit, I can slightly feel Kagura-san's breast with my fingertips.

It's overflowing!

I fill-in my energy towards something else, and begin to run towards the location of Sharon's group that I have understood is where from before.

Chapter 95: Former Hero – Being made fun

200m ahead.

Laurier and Sharon is there inside the forest.

Along with those two girls, there is another sign.

When the other participants are starting to land on the rear, it's noticeable that these two people are not participants.

They are most likely the adventurers prepared by the organizer.

I stop my feet and put Kagura-san down.

[Are? Why are we on this place?]

Kagura-san raised a question after being put down in the forest all of a sudden.

[Laurier and Sharon are up ahead in a place 200m from here.

I'll go there by myself from here from here on out. I need to take back my number from them, so Kagura-san can stay here for awhile.]

[Eh...? Is that so?

Haru-kun is so awesome to know something like this ahead of time.]

Even though Kagura-san squint her eyes to look ahead, she is unable to see the appearances of the two people towards the direction I am pointing at because they are being obstructed by the trees in the forest.

[Also, here. Kagura-san can have this.]

After I said that, I took out three numbers from the pocket of my swim wear and handed them to Kagura-san.

For the meantime, there are no signs of other persons in the surrounding area.

There are few people scattered in the separated places from here, and they are most likely the adventurers from the organizer side. There is no one moving to our location.

Is Celes and Tanya already giving up? For safe keeping, I gave the numbers to Kagura-san if they are coming to pursue us.

[...Haru-kun, is somewhat very serious, right?]

[Eh? Yeah... Well, I am]

Certainly I am serious right now. Honestly.

Sharon and Laurier. it's not an exaggeration that both of them are the two strongest members in my party.

For some reason, Sharon is growing-up tremendously fast. There is no mistake that she is already have potential from the beginning as for her though.

In addition, these two girls are in a good relationship. They also have a cooperation attack utilizing two people.

Both of them are different from the Celes and Tanya's pair.

We can't use magic attack. There is no weapon too.

Therefore, it's necessary to defeat them with pure physical strength. It's related with my dignity, so I cannot help to focusing my mind.

To think that this game become a serious playing one in somewhere unexpected.

[Fumu... Showing that serious face, Haru-kun is so cool.]

When I was looking at the decisive battle in the near future, Kagura-san said something that I can't ignored with.

Eh?

What?

Just now, what do you say

Nope Nope, there is no need to say it again.

My ear is firmly listening on it.

Do I look cool?

Did the lady say it a moment ago?

I am so cool!

Iyaa, I did it.

Dehehe.

Are?

Kagura-san, why are you making a somewhat regretful face?

Hora, you can see my cool appearance. Are you now falling in love?

Grinning.

Ah, this is not good.

Even I understand it.

Right now, I am making a foolish expression.

Kagura-san eyes are showing a regretful expression..

[Go... Gohon] (TL Note: Cough)

I cough naturally. Next time I'll change that feeling.

[Anyway. Kagura-san, please retreat back.

Even if by chance you lose sight of me, I'll come looking for you at that time, so don't move from this place.]

[Eto... Un, I understand.]

After I told Kagura-san our strategy, I finally directed my foot to Sharon's party.

I then run straight to the forest while avoiding the trees.

Let's think about the strategy before reaching that place.

First, this is gonna be disadvantageous for me.

It's because, my number has already been deprived by Sharon's party.

I have confirmed with Kagura-san on the way here. The number of the participants in this race consists of two points.

The number from the adventurer prepared from the organizer is one point.

My number is also two points. Then, I need to collect in total 10 points.

A while ago, I have confirmed their location by using search while touching Tanya's body. Sharon has made contact with two adventurers.

And now, they have made contact with two other adventurers.

It means, four points from 4 adventurers, and 6 points from their participant numbers.

Since they have completed the 10 point requirement, they just need to aim at

the goal now.

In other words, they can avoid and run away from me.

I will definitely won't let them go.

Therefore, I will secure the numbers first with a swift attack.

If I need to decided who should I aim for, it must be Sharon.

Even if I have said that Sharon is still growing up, Laurier can't be compared to her on the other hand.

By crossing with each other, everything will be decided in an instant like Celes.

When I am thinking of that idea, a shadow is there moving forward.

Alright.

First is Sharon...!

When I was thinking about it, I arrived at the place where I can see the shadow. Then, I'm stunned with what I have seen.

There is a girl with blue hair inside the forest in a little open space. Laurier is standing in front of me.

Next to her is a girl with red hair that I haven't seen before.

Instead, three middle-aged men with blue face were there rolling near her.

[You came, Haruto]

I was puzzled with what I seen. Laurier folded her arm and raised her voice.

Why is Sharon not here?

While I'm standing and thinking about this situation, Laurier calls out to me.

[Hahahaha! To be able catching-up!

Putting Sharon aside, I have defeated the other adventurers this time. We're now able to gather 10 points.]

Laurier is looking down on me even if she's shorter than me. Moreover, she's skillfully sending a glance here.

I have understood why Sharon is not here.

It means....that's it, right?

Etto....

... I see, I was already done for.

[When I have thought that you two are moving together, it's actually you and that middle-aged adventurer. Meanwhile, Sharon exchanged places with the adventurer that you knocked down... Is it like that?]

I can only consider that assumption, so I confirmed it.

[Umu. You were able to predict it well... As expected. That's correct! Haruto, I know about your magic that can grasp the geographical area. However, I know that it's not accurate enough to be able to know who the individual is.]

Stop your accent that is emphasizing [Dake].

Even though I don't remember explaining to to them about my search magic, they seemed to have guessed it apparantly.

Oh well. I'm not particularly hiding it and it's not something wonderful either.

It's certainly as what Laurier have said. The magic search can't specify a specific individual.

The main point is, it can only detect to the extent if there's a person or if there's fighting.

If I put all of my power to the magic, I can narrow down the range but there is nothing that can be done either when it comes to specifying an individual.

However, I haven't tried that much here this time.

On top of that, the place we are in is a forest with a lot of trees, so I guess the fact that I only had a rough understanding of. their location has come back to bite me at the back.

While I hear Laurier's explanation, I use Search magic on the surrounding area.

Where is Sharon?

There is Kagura-san on the rear side.

There is no one near.

I also doubt Sharon is going to attack Kagura-san since there's no need for her to deprive our numbers.

Then, there is a fellow separated a bit from our location who is moving at an excellent speed.

That fellow, eh?
She must be Sharon.

Should I head right to Sharon?
No, Laurer is here. That might also be a fake.
It means Laurier has Sharon and my numbers and Sharon might be a decoy.
Moreover, Kagura-san will be coming here if I make her wait any longer.
Now, Kagura-san is the one who possesses our numbers.

If I head to Sharon and ignore Laurier, the numbers Kagura has might be deprived by Laurier.

Ah, damn.
The events after coming to this island became unfavorable for us.

[No, wait a second.
If you were here, then Sharon can't reach the goal by herself, right?
Is this not a race that requires two people?]

I asked a question suddenly.
Is it so.

If the other pair is here, then Sharon might have to return here if Laurier is secured.

Laurier only sighs a breath towards my question.
Eh? W, what is it?
Were you injured to exhale such a sigh like that?

[As Sharon was saying,
You are not checking the rules of this race, are you?
Stupid! It's not a problem to reach the goal by yourself or with your pair.]

Wh, what?!
Laurier announced a single word of truth.

[Good grief... Even a fool like me reads the rules.]

Uguu...

Don't tell me, I was being called a fool by Laurier...

No, I have started without reading the rule of this island properly by myself nor have I tried to confirm it. It certainly is my lack of confirmation.

Let's reflect on it.

I have sworn to work harder on learning the language more.

However, I have placed that aside since there is something more important that needs to be done.

I recalled various things earlier too. There is something that I must do.

First of all, Laurier must be knocked down.

After that, I need to do a physical confirmation on Laurier and confirm if the numbers are being concealed or not.

In the end, I need to catch-up with Sharon and take back the numbers if she possesses those like the previous remarks.

Umu.

This is so intense.

There is no time.

[I understand the situation. I don't have a lot of time.

Laurier, I feel bad about it, but allow me to land a swift attack.]

[Fuh. Knocking me down won't be easy to do Haruto.

Rather... I won't be defeated]

Laurier shows a serious flame in her eyes.

Chapter 96: Former Hero – Using the 2nd trump card.

Even though there is a small open space, this place is still a forest. Laurier is moving freely as she pleases while passing away the trees.

Are you giving your best when you're using your small body? When I have thought that she will be hiding in the shadow of a tree, she then runs up behind the shadow of a tree and moves instantly to the sky.

What I have considered from that repeated movement is that she is flying and landing while aiming to shorten the distance with me.

I have thought for a moment there that her action is to buy some time, but I have discarded that idea.

Laurier's eyes is serious.
On her eyes, there is a clear intention to seriously defeat me.

Laurier speed is fast.
To be honest, her speed is hard to be followed with just by using regular eyes.

Is she a monkey?

Now that i remember it, wasn't this girl spending her whole time inside the forest since birth for a long time?

There is no hesitation for doing three dimensional movement in the forest.

However, there is no problem for me to be ambushed from behind.
I have Search Search Magic.

I can grasp the position of the moving Laurier based from the weak magical power that I am releasing even without me watching her directly.

At the time Laurier gets closer, I will catch and restrain her body.

While I'm still managing the plan, Laurier passes in the sky on my right side. She is flying from a high position towards the ground.

That was the attack of Laurier that I was waiting for. I have started by predicting her landing beforehand.

The moment when I was thinking about it, Laurier suddenly kicks the air and

changes her course to me.

What?!

Laurier shortens her distance towards me from the air and tries to kick me.

I was surprised by the sudden change in direction, but I still managed to defend myself and prevented a direct hit.

However, I can't stop the rushing power from the kick, and I was blown off.

I rolled unsightly on the ground, my back hit the trees, and I knocked the back of my head.

[It hurt!?!]

Gu... tsu....

I became dizzy for a moment since my head was splendidly being hit.

Laurier lands while I am rolling. She then kicks the ground when I'm still suppressing the back of my head.

And then, she spring up to sit upon me on the ground.

The palm of her hand is open.

It's not an act for hitting. Rather, it's a movement that is trying to grab something.

Her hand not trying to grab me. It's being aimed at the lower half of my body. In other words, she's aiming for my swimwear.

Dangerous.

[Oops!]

I roll sideways by a hair's breadth to escape from Laurier's hand. I then rise-up from crawling after taking some distance from her.

[Chi]

Laurier clicks her tongue because I have succeed to avoid her.

I was honestly surprised.

I knew that Laurier was erected Air Shield in the air earlier.

Naturally, I was vigilant to the sudden change of direction in the air, but I was

still caught off guard.

[You. Just now, do you use Air Shield without any arias...?]

Yeah.

The moment ago, Laurier certainly didn't chant at all when she was kicking the air.

I should be able to perceive the flow of magic if she was using magic to move from a previous position to her present location.

However, it would mean that at that moment and at that exact location, she invoked Air Shield without chanting since I couldn't sense any magic.

Laurier laughed at my question.

[But that just now was so close
I'll soon be able to reach your bathing suit]

While Laurier is saying that, she climbs an invisible stairs and she smoothly floats in the air.

There is no chant.

The way she did it was so natural. She is floating.

Uwaa, this girl is incredible.

She seemed to have concealed the Air Shield which didn't need a chant for a surprise attack a while ago.

Since the conclusion of the surprise attack did not succeed, did she seemed to have thought that it's no longer necessary to conceal it any longer?

Laurier is aiming on my bathing suit not long ago.

Right now, Laurer and I didn't have and bring our numbers.

There is no clear criteria for victory and defeat since we don't have our own numbers.

Because of this, we have decided for an improvised rule of having the [first] person to take off their opponent's swimsuit as the winner.

When we say 'take off', of course this includes just taking them off normally, but damaging and tearing them off is also okay as well.

[Well then, Haruto.

Since we can't use weapon and magic, how can you attack me?]

While 10m above in the sky, the daunting voice of Laurier resounds in the area

Unuu...

As Laurier have said, there is nothing that can be used to attack.

Of course it's a height that I can still reach if I jump, but Laurier will just need to move to the side to easily avoid me.

Then, should I wait and aim for the moment when Laurier approaches me to attack?

[Are you planning to aim at me when I'm attacking? That idea is so boring]

She completely noticed my idea.

This is bad.

I guess that's it.

There is nothing else that I can do.

Hora, come down quickly and attack.

[What is this? Do you have nothing to do?Fumu, I guess it's already done, right?

I will force you to stay in here until Sharon reaches the goal]

Haa?

I overhears what Laurier have said while I was waiting for her.

Oi, wait, stop that.

What are you talking about just now.

Where did that serious flame I have seen in your eyes go to?

But still, this is a problem.

If Laurier is seriously going to buy some time, she will not come down to the ground as it is now.

Even if Sharon doesn't have the numbers and Laurier has it, then Sharon can just collect the numbers from other adventurers and complete the mission without trouble while Laurier forces me to stay.

If I head to Sharon from here... Eh, aa, mou! It's troublesome to think about!

I'm unable to think of different patterns anymore.
Let's make this simple.

I'll defeat Laurier in some way.
Then, I'll run after Sharon.

This is it.
Simple is the best.

Then.
[How?] and [What should I do?] to defeat Laurier in some way?

Laurier is floating in the air. She will surely avoid me if I jump.
Then, what should I do?

There is no other way besides flying with my full power.
This, so to speak, is my second trump card.
The Sword of God's Destruction, Ragnarok Blade. I don't want to use it again in a different meaning.

The principle of this trump card is easy.
There is no shameful aria unlike any other magic.
It's simply using magical powers that I can have. I will only do it with all of my might, and I will strengthen my body beyond the limits.
However, the effect is tremendous.

I have measured the distance between me and Laurier with all of my power. I need to make sure to keep our distance just like now.
When you use this trump card, any calculation will become meaningless.

This time I will be the one who will make a surprise attack.

Why, in the race without any life-threatening danger like this, must there be a situation where I'm facing an allied girl like this, that to forces me till the end to use my last trump card? (ED: Who is the one facing an allied girl?)

Oh well.
It's more important to win now.

[I understand. Laurier. Please somewhat endure this pain]

I said that to Laurier after I took a short pause.

Even though it isn't necessary to declare a surprise attack, there is no problem beforehand.

It'll be impossible to evade while being cautious.

Laurier only gives a small reaction towards what I've said.

There seemed to be an expectation of what I would be doing in this situation. To meet that expectation, I have to circulate the magical power over the limit to my body.

The magical power which I have activated more than necessary causes the circulation line of the magical power to emerge in my body and emits a little light.

I had thought that this was something cool when I tried this state in a castle for the first time.

Was it when I was 13 years old when it is compared towards my appearance which is similar to a little transformation? ... My tension at that time went-up skyrocketing.

Well after that, I will be assaulted by the demerit of this trump card, but...

[O...Oo? Haruto, you.... Is that...?]

Laurier opens her eyes wide and stares at my change.

Noticing that there is something coming when she is watching me, she begins to widen the distance and rises even further.

However, they are useless.

[Here... I go]

I said it in small voice and I kicked the ground at the same time.

I did a simple jump just by kicking the ground.

And at the next moment, my tackle from the momentum of my power hit laurier's body.

[Gu.. gaha...]

Laurier didn't shout loudly. She just gives a groan that vomited the air in the lungs.

Perhaps, Laurier have just noticed it... Well, before she even grasp what have

happened, she have to receive my tackle.

My momentum is not stopping even after hitting against Laurier, and I rise further along with Laurier.

Did she fainted because the blow earlier? Laurier didn't give any reaction at all.

If I were leaving this way, I wouldn't know how far I will go on a flight, so I grabbed Laurier's body and killed that momentum and we dropped to the ground together.

I land while holding the fainted Laurier and I put her slowly to the ground.

A-are you alright?

She was calm when her arms is chopped off, but she fainted because one blow... I was surprised.

[Guu.. gehogeho....!

Gu... nu...? It hurt, what is that.... When?!]

Even though I was worried for a moment, but it disappeared after Laurier had woken-up.

[Ku... My body can't move because of the pain...

Haruto, what did you do...? ... Haruto?]

Laurier asked me what I just did earlier.

However, I can't answer anything.

In the manga, the protagonist body will receive a some kind of reaction after releasing a power beyond the limits.

This is the demerit of strengthening the body more than the limit, and it can't be helped that my whole body is in pain now.

As a result of using all the magical powers for strengthening, I remember during the first time it was used that I felt the suffering of hell without able to move for a week.

Ah, that one week is a hell.

Human. It's a helpless physiological phenomenon where we can't do anything by ourselves.

I don't want to remember the humiliation what I was taken cared of by a

muscled old man for a week.

That was in the castle. Why were there no maids to take care of me?
In the case of that, my mental trauma was shallow.
No. Those were perhaps happy memories rather than shallow ones!

At that time I reaped what I sowed, self-destructed and rendered myself
unable to battle the day before a war with a certain demon lord's army.

It's a big battle, so I want to improve my power even for a little. But the
treatment is against the outcome.
I can't believe this. It's too cruel.

Damn it!
I can still remember it.

Why that damn old man! He was very happy he did that to me... to me!
... It's all good now.

I will forget that painful memory.
If I remember all the painful things, I can't enjoy my current life. Yes.

... Well, an experience like that exists so I did make some adjustments this
time.

Even though it's painful, it's not to the extent where I'm unable to move.
Yet it's so terrifying that it can still produce that amount of power to instantly
blow Laurier off even if it's being suppressed to a certain degree.

[Later... I'll explain what I did at night later. Now is the time for the race.
.... It's my win this time, you hear?]

I get-up and ignore the pain on my body.
[Nuu.... I guess it can't be helped... tsu...]

Laurier seems to acknowledge her defeat obediently.
I won...!

I had continued after Tanya and I obtained another victory
Now then, our time for enjoyment starts from here!

... It' isn't possible.
Unlike Tanya, there is no time for this.

Moreover, Laurier's whole body is full of bruises because of my tackle.
It's not weird that I'll break one or two bones if I did it unskillfully.

It would be a light torture if I were to touch her whole body at this moment.
So, I take off Laurier's swimsuit very gentlemanly.

I did it gently.
I took off the swimsuit of a 13 year-old demon girl in order not to inflict pain.

13 years old is not qualified for her.
No. Even without stripping her off, there's no way to think that my perverted self can do a gentlemanly act.

When I took-up Laurier's swimsuit, several numbers fell down from the sad-looking exposed breast.

Etto... 1,2,3... 4 pieces
There is my number too.
Are the other numbers from the adventurers?

Nn?
Then, Sharon really is a decoy, and Laurier is the one who holds the numbers.
Oo, I did it.
Without needing to think, being simple really is working.

Wait? 4 pieces?
Laurier's number is there to with my number.
These two numbers are from the adventurers that they have defeated first.

Sharon's number is there on it.
Fumu. Oh well.

[Fu... Well, as expected from Haruto]
Laurier, who is completely exposing her breasts, talks praise to me.
[Fu. That's natural. Have you fallen in love again?]
[My love stays firmly so there's no need to fall in love again]

Uu.
I'm the one who became embarrassed instead after receiving a straight answer from Laurier.

This girl is amazing to be able to say that in this place.

But, I'm happy.

Fufufu.

[Well then, I'll go now. Are you alright by yourself?]

I'm asking Laurier while correcting her swimsuit.

[Nn. Even though I can't move well, I still have recovered to an extent wherein I can move immediately, so it's alright]

Laurier stands-up after she have said it.

Oo, this demon girl is amazing.

Have you recovered that much?

Seriously.

[Is that so. Then I'll go towards the goal]

[N? Goal?]

I say it then stand-up

Now, it's just right with 10 points due to the number collected from Laurier, the numbers from the two fallen adventurers earlier, and the numbers at Kagura in addition.

Even if Sharon collects the numbers from the other adventurers, I am way faster than her.

I won!

This is perfect.

There were various things that had happened, but I overcame all the difficulties, and I became the winner of this archipelago race!

...Yeah, that is.

Since I retrieved back my number in great pains, should I put it back?

I put the number back on my arm while I was thinking so.

It fell.

Eh? Is it not attached?

Nn?

I did it several times, but the number didn't react at all. It fell down immediately.

What? Is the absorption magic effective only once?

Oh well.

[Haruto]

When I was still grappling with the number, Laurier calls out to me.

[What?]

[Just now, I was wondering what are you doing, but I now understand it. That's why, I'll kindly give you an explanation]

En?

What is she talking about?

[There are two answers.

First, the number will only be attached once as you did just now.

And another one.

When the player whose the number is peeled off, they will be disqualified. You should read the rules carefully.

That's why, it's useless if you're aiming to reach the goal]

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W... wh.... what.....?

Chapter 97: Former Hero – Becomes tired

Slump

After I heard what Laurier said, I fell to my knees.

[We're being disqualified when our number is taken, seriously.....?]

I let out a voice to confirm it with Laurier.

For things to have come this far, I doubt that Laurier will tell a lie.

However, I tried to ask her again.

[I won't lie. As I expected you didn't know at all.]

Once again, I heard that severe fact.

By the way, is it a good thing? I have been disqualified and yet I disqualify Celes and Tanya.

.....This it seems is not good.

What if both of them protest to me later?

Protest... They won't do it, will they? What should I do?

I'm sure Tanya won't do something funny.

Un.....Let's apologize to them before they ask for it later.

I am slightly cunning.

However, if I was already disqualified after my number was being taken, Celes should have told me beforehand when I was fighting with Tanya.

If she had done so, I wouldn't need to strip their numbers off.

Ah.....No, it's not good to run away from my responsibility.

To begin with, it's my fault that I didn't confirm the rules at all.

[Haa.....Then, what about you?

Since I have taken your numbers, is Sharon gonna be alright?

Don't you need two people to be present, right?]

If you said that I am disqualified, then Laurier is disqualified too.

Because I don't have any reason to rush any longer, then I can take it slowly

now. Mainly I have to give up.

So, that's why I want to hear about what I'm worried about.

[It's alright.

It's being written that you need two people to be present.]

[Is that so... Is it so?]

Even though I do not understand it well... In other words, the purpose of the last island, is the strategy about making a two person team?

You can advance while cooperating as two people together, while one of them is being entrusted with the numbers, the other person will turn to the defense, or someone can become a decoy, or they can collect the numbers separately like Laurier or Sharon did earlier.

And then, without saying which team will be able to safely reach the goal.

[By the way, it was written on the sheet of rules from the island that one of the people on the team will be given three minutes... In other words, until they have confirmed the rules, they cannot be allowed to attack other people. That's written on it.]

Hee, is that so?

That's right.

If there is no such rules, it'll be quickest to lie in wait and then ambush the other parties who have just landed.

I see.

Certainly, we're checking on the island rules at the same time.

After that, for three minutes, everyone reads the rules.

It is only I who didn't confirm reading the content.

Well, I guess I can't do anything.

It is too late to understand such things now.

Swoosh

This place has become my first disappointment ever since I have arrived on this island, a shadow appears from the bush at my side.

Because I had used my second trump card, I had temporarily cut off my Search

magic. I was surprised for a moment.
I reflexively turned my head that way.

[Ah, you're here.
Wew, I was so surprised.
Suddenly Haru-kun is shining, and dashing off before I was aware of it.
Eh, Haru-kun, what's the matter?]

Kagura appears in front of me.
I suddenly got a pain in my neck since I sharply moved it, I fell prostrated on the ground.

[Eh. Then, Haruto is working hard to take the numbers, while not knowing about it?]

I somehow managed to ease the pain in my neck, and I told Kagura-san about what I heard from Laurier.

We have already been disqualified, so there is no need to perform the farce for the reaction.

Laurier has already got up, she started to stretch to check her body condition.
The recovery ability of devils sure is scary. Are you a monster?

[I didn't know about it...
The number will only be pasted once, Kagura-san, you didn't say anything about it?]

Towards Kagura-san reaction, I said my resentful words.
Although what I did seems bad, but I don't intend to blame other people about this, even so it should be no problem if it's this much.

[No, it's already stated in the whole rules that we can't reattach it back after it was peeled-off.....]

Ah, is that so?
In the first place, it was not good.

I was wrong from the very beginning. I'm sorry.

[Eh, not that, but this is it.]

After she said it, she pointed at her left arm.

With the tip of her finger, there is a number attached to Kagura-san arm.

That?

It-it's attached.....

[Eh? W...why?

Why... is that? It can be attached?]

[It's because I applied magic to attach it.

I already did that in the shop, do you need see it?

Ce-chan did that while I was helping with the chores though.] (TL Note: Refer to Celes-chan)

To my surprise reaction, Kagura-san answering like it was nothing.

Did you do it in the shop?

No, I didn't know. I don't know at all?

When did such a thing happened?

... I see.

Since Celes knew about it, when both Kagura-san and my numbers were peeled-off, why she didn't say anything?

[Hey, with this, you're not being disqualified and it is still possible to reach the finish line, isn't it?]

Hohou.

I did not expect it, but it would not be a problem if I could attach the number. The hopeful feeling was pouring down and shining brightly.

....Eh, no, this is what about it?

In the rules, it said being peeled off, even if we reattach it to get to the goal line.

Un.....I know something was wrong.

I was certainly feeling bad.

Can we honestly be pleased with getting to the goal unfairly?

Can I say that this is a true victory?

Inside me, my spirit of justice is questioning my morals.

Do I want to win using this method? Should we bravely accept defeat?

Mumumu.....

.....Oh well.

My spirit of justice was easily defeated.
This is a thing that a former hero will do.

I want to win.

I want the money today.
I want to get the victory prize of this race.

The tailor for outfits and the research for the local products which made me grin long ago.
Quickly... I want to do them as soon as possible!

Where did the original reason for my weapon procurement go?
That kind of thing can be postponed.

Anyway, my decision is already firm.

Let's do it Kagura-san.
Toward our glorious victory.

I stand-up, and tried to hold Kagura-san.
At that time, I anxiously turn to look at Laurier.

[Nn? What?]
[Nothing, we're gonna head to the goal now, it's already impossible for you to become the winner of this race]

Considering Laurier, if we did some cheating in front of her, it is getting in the way of their own victory.
She still seems to be recovering from the damage, this is a situation where she won't be able to say any complaints to obstruct me.

[No, I won't particularly do anything.
Well, I'll consider this a loan by overlooking this matter.]

[..... I see. Understood]

I'm relieved that Laurier is taking it easy.
She is likely satisfied after fighting against me.

Since this girl is a battle maniac after all.

After that, I princess carry Kagura-san using one hand, I was already completely used to it.

I need to be endure the pain in my joints because of my trump card boost though.

But since I was able to place my fingers on this smooth thigh, a little bit of the pain is blowing away.

Alright, shall we go?

I might be judged to be disqualified because I spent a lot of time on here.
.....No, I was already disqualified.

My body is aching, running at full speed is painful.
However, it's still alright, I should hurry.

And, this time is for me to run toward the goal of the island.

[Wait for a second, Haruto!]

Laurier called to stop me.

[Hm. What? What is it?]

I need to move fast, I wonder what it is?

I stopped, Laurier saw me while groaning.

Hm?

Seriously what is it?

As expected, she won't overlook this cheating?

[W-what?

If you don't want to say anything, I will be going now]

[Mu.....Well, I told you to wait.]

Laurier said that, and then she turned around to behind me.
Seriously what is it?

[Yoi]

I heard her small voice at my back, she is jumping onto my back.
It hurt?!

Even from the light impact, my back is aching in pain.

[O-oi... What are you doing?]

[Hya, you see, it's because of you all of my body is in pain.
That's why, you must take me too.]

[Hahaha! Lau-nyan is cute.]

Noticing what Laurier means, Kagura-san is laughing in an unusual voice.

What can you say about this girl?
Cute?

Aa... Is it that?
She became jealous because of the princess carry?

So it is that.
Laurier is jealous because I stroked her head earlier, she is surely a spoiled child.

Fufu. She is cute.

I see I see, I guess it can't be helped.
In that case, you can stick with me without reserve.

Honestly, though it is extremely hindering, I will show you my dependable abilities.

And then, while I was being sandwiched between big boobs in my arms, and the tiny breasts on my back, I begin to run towards the goal of glory.

At night, with a whiff, I plunge my head onto the bed.
Even though being wrapped in the soft bed is comfortable, the aftereffect of the body reinforced boost is gonna be painful.
The other participants went out for dinner and participated in the various festival-like things being held the night after the race, but right now I'm only by myself. (TL Note: I'm not clear about this, but maybe Haruto anticipated that he will unable to move after the race end?)

After passing the last island, we landed on the nearby opposite shore, the marathon that started in the coastline to Angel waited.
The final goal is the same sandy beach location as the starting point in Angel.
While being sandwiched by the girls in front and behind, I ran without

understanding the situation well.

Even though I don't understand it well, but Kagura-san's breasts are shaking whenever I run, while the small breasts of Laurier is rubbing against my back.

Toward those pleasures, while my body is in pain because of the aftereffect of the boost, I'm able to adjust it so I can endure it, that's why I can run single-mindedly.

There is no problem with this situation either. Compared to the other participants, we were considerably in the lead because my running speed is faster than the level of a normal person.

However, someone is approaching. Obviously that someone is Sharon.

Since my body is still in pain, and I'm also holding both Laurier and Kagura-san, so I am not able to put out my maximum speed. But, I didn't expect someone to catch up.

It's because Sharon only has her own numbers. It's necessary to collect 8 points of numbers to leave from the last island, I thought she would take more of time.

However, Sharon did it. What on earth, during that short time, she had defeated eight adventurers.

She gripped the eight numbers in her hand. That's exactly ten points together along with her own number which she had put on her left arm.

And then, she demonstrated the results of her usual practice here, she chased after me with tremendous speed.

I didn't expect that she was this fast. No, if it's speed, I can understand it well. Do you really have that much endurance?

Moreover, I do not know why, but Laurier who strangled my neck from my back is trying to support Sharon.

I wish I had left her behind back then.

Although I thought that I could shake her off greatly, to be able to so easily stick to me firmly without separating, I concluded that if she ran without too much effort or concern, she would be able to run fast.

At any rate, the dead heat started from here. However, I was exhausted and furthermore I'm carrying extra luggage, so I was being overtaken by Sharon before the goal, and she finally overtook me. I was being cornered, and as a last-resort measure, I couldn't do anything except activating the body reinforcement boost.

In this situation it's dubious on whether it's a trump card anymore. The downgrade of this card is because it was thoughtlessly used in this trifling pinch.

In the end, right before Sharon exceeded the goal line, I was able to achieve a dramatic turn-around victory.

It's the moment to be impressed. A lot of difficulties were surpassed, at one point we revived like a phoenix despite receiving the disqualification sentence of despair, also I was forced into an unexpected hard fight at the end, and in the last stretch I was able to turn the tables splendidly.

This is the moment...Where I am shining.

Actually, Sharon who just missed the victory during the last minute, also witnessed my last super speed. Like she had forgotten the thing of having already been defeated, she turned towards him with her eyes glistening with respect while saying [Haruto is amazing!].

Because I have strengthened my body to the limit, without care to my appearance, I collapse with a crumple after the goal, I fell on top of Kagura-san who I was holding and my face plunged into those big breasts. However, as if she was saying [Good work], Kagura-san gently stroked my head, this kind of thing made my heart pound. Ah, the softness of her breasts, it's indescribable. To my regret, my neck was sore so I couldn't rub against them. In the future, I want to be drowned in her breasts.

Though I think back to her considerable loquacity, the moment of glory is

wonderful no matter how many times I think about it.

Naturally, I don't want to remember the things afterwards.
Afterwards.....

I instinctively leaked a sigh.

In conclusion, I was not able to become the winner.
As for the reason, it's because I reattached the number to my body.

My number had been taken in the forest... No, since the beach is the starting points, no, I think I'm positive that there is no confirmation from the sponsor at that time.

However, my number was really taken off by Sharon in the beach starting points.

The person in charge, who runs after the top group from the checkpoint on each island by the sea, conveyed the situation to the main venue. The scene where Kagura-san and I were disqualified was witnessed perfectly.

I'm standing in this main hall, during the time when the winner interview was being received, my unfairness was found out, thus my victory was cancelled, and I was branded with disqualification.

At that time, there was an old man judge who looked very scary, Mina made a regretful wry smile on the edge of the stage. And then, I can't forget how Rithina was shaking her shoulders to hold off her laughing.

Aside from Mina, Rithina seems to be having fun somewhat.
Since it's too obvious, this might be interesting for her.

Da-mn-you.....

.....Anyway, in exchange for the glory on the stage, I was being showered by the voices of criticism from the audience as a cheater.

Actually, since it can't be helped because I did a bad thing, but I was curious on the man's voice who was strangely blaming me.

Those guys, compared to my absolute dishonesty, they might be jealous because I wasbeing surrounded by girls.

.....That's also escapism.

Let's accept and be content with it.

Someone will always do a bad thing sooner or later.

As I thought, we should not do bad things, I will learn from this.

However, regardless on what I said, it's hurts that I could not become the winner.

Because I was disqualified, I naturally didn't become second place either.

I didn't get even one col as a prize.

No, I should consider that I'm fortunate that I didn't get any penalty. Think about it.

As the punishment, I need to do a town cleaning activity for one week.

Haa.....I'm becoming sad when I remember it.

I will sleep for today.

The moment I give myself to the oncoming drowsiness and let go of my consciousness, I look back at the day while muttering.

[Tired.]